JEFF & JOSEPHINE SIMMONS FAMILY PART 1

1500's – Early 1900's

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Introduction

This lineage has been confirmed by DNA matching. This is an attempt to give the basics of our paternal Simmons family. This paper is focused on the lives of the Simmons family that were born and lived in the 1800's, and their immediate descendants. A basic delineation would be to draw a circle of 100 miles from Bangs, Texas on a map….almost everything about our Simmons family from 1850 to 1900 is within that area. The Simmons are related to a great many families in the area, as well. This includes the Fiveash, Holder, Brannon, Hardin, Hull, Richardson, Deal and many more families that lived in the area.

European Roots

The earliest known ancestor of our line was William Simmons, born circa 1545 in England, who married Patience Gould. He was a Puritan - Pilgrim and with his family, he fled the religious persecutions in England for Leiden, in the Netherlands of Holland. He was elderly for the time, being in his mid-fifties. William Simmons died in Leiden.

"The Pilgrims moved to the Netherlands around 1607/08. They lived in Leiden, Holland, a city of 30,000 inhabitants, residing in small houses behind the "Kloksteeg" opposite the Pieterskerk. The success of the congregation in Leiden was mixed. Leiden was a thriving industrial center, and many members were able to support themselves working at Leiden University or in the textile, printing, and brewing trades. Others were less able to bring in sufficient income, hampered by their rural backgrounds and the language barrier; for those, accommodations were made on an estate bought by Robinson and three partners. William Bradford wrote of their years in Leiden:

" For these & other reasons they removed to Leyden, a fair & bewtifull citie, and of a sweete situation, but made more famous by ye universitie wherwith it is adorned, in which of late had been so many learned man. But wanting that traffike by sea which Amerstdam injoyes, it was not so beneficiall for their outward means of living & estats. But being now hear pitchet they fell to such trads & imployments as they best could; valewing peace & their spirituall comforte above any other riches whatsoever. And at length they came to raise a competente & comforteable living, but with hard and continuall labor."

William Brewster had been teaching English at the university, and Robinson enrolled in 1615 to pursue his doctorate. There he participated in a series of debates, particularly regarding the contentious issue of Calvinism versus Arminianism (siding with the Calvinists against the Remonstrants). Brewster acquired typesetting equipment about 1616 in a venture financed by Thomas Brewer, and began publishing the debates through a local press.

The Netherlands, however, was a land whose culture and language were strange and difficult for the English congregation to understand or learn. They found the Dutch morals much too libertine, and their children were becoming more and more Dutch as the years passed. The congregation came to believe that they faced eventual extinction if they remained there."

Emigration to North America

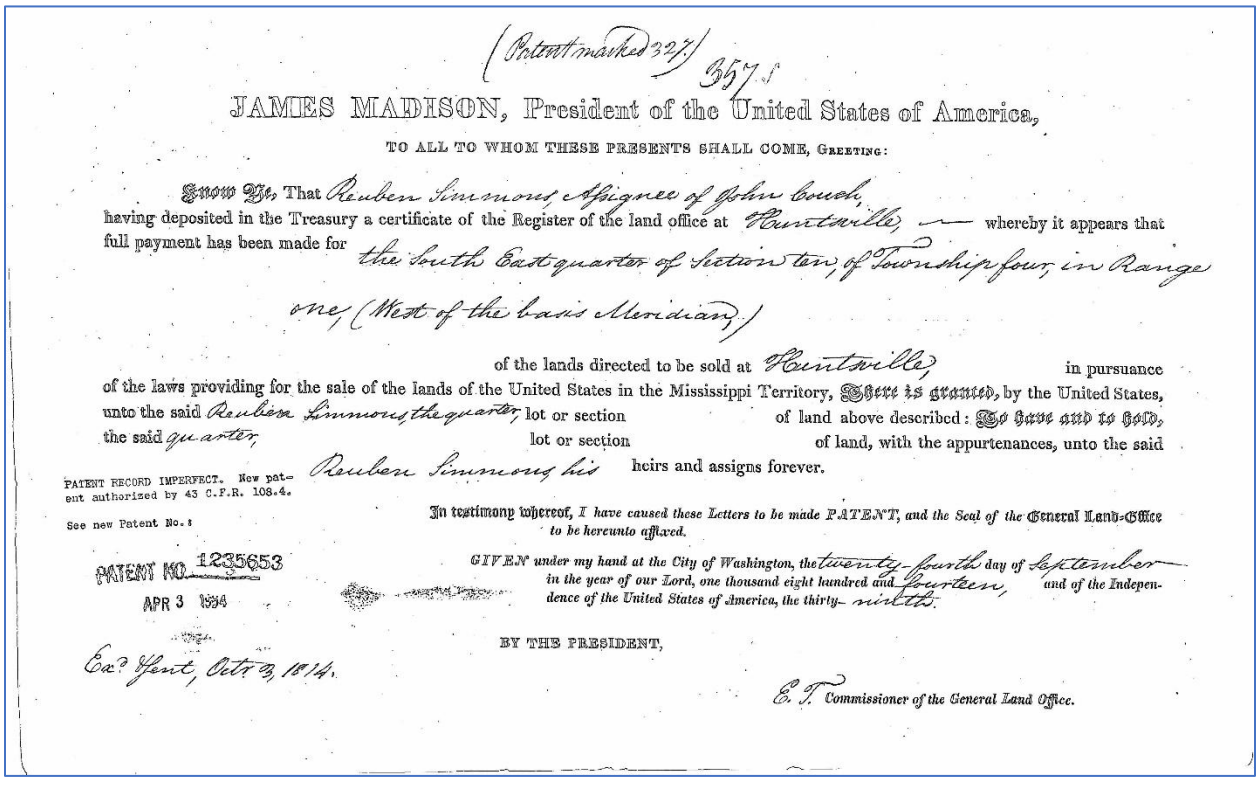
In the time period of 1617/1618, the Pilgrims in Leiden began plans to immigrate to North America. The descendants of William Simmons were among those. His son, William Moses "Moses" Simmons and his family finally emigrated to what is now Massachusetts, in 1621. Along with his wife and two sons, they joined the great experiment of the City on a Hill, established by the earlier Mayflower immigrants. Our family descends from his son, William Moses Simmons II (1 Jan 1604 – 15 Sep 1691) and his wife, Sarah Chandler (1622 – 1675).

The next ancestral pair is William Simmons, son of William Moses II and Sarah Chandler. He was born in Massachusetts, but moved to Surry, Virginia. William (1648 – 1693) married Elizabeth Harrison (1650 – 1696) and they had five children that we know about.

Their son, John Simmons is the next of our ancestors. John was born in 1680 in Surry, Virginia and died in 1749 in South Hampton, Virginia. He married a woman named Mary (last name unknown).

Charles Simmons, their son, is the next ancestor. He was born in 1730 in Surry, Virginia and died in 1794 in Campbell, Virginia. He married Mary Wainwright (1733 – 1792) and together they had eight sons and two daughters.

Next in our line is Rueben Simmons (23 July 1759 in Virginia – 27 Feb 1829 in Huntsville, Alabama), who married Frances Glass (1760 – 1821). In 1814, Rueben was given a land grant by President James Madison in what is now Madison County, Alabama. He was a veteran of the American Revolution and the War of 1812.



(Patent marked 327.) 357.

JAMES MADISON, President of the United States of America,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Know Ye, That Reuben Simmons, Assignee of John Couch, having deposited in the Treasury a certificate of the Register of the land office at Huntsville, whereby it appears that full payment has been made for the South East quarter of Section ten, of Township four, in Range one, (West of the basis Meridian,)

of the lands directed to be sold at Huntsville, in pursuance of the laws providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Mississippi Territory, There is granted, by the United States, unto the said Reuben Simmons, the quarter, lot or section of land above described: To have and to hold, the said quarter, lot or section of land, with the appurtenances, unto the said Reuben Simmons, his heirs and assigns forever.

PATENT RECORD IMPERFECT. New patent authorized by 43 C.F.R. 108.4.

See new Patent No. 8

PATENT NO. 1235653

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In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the Seal of the General Land-Office to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Washington, the twenty-fourth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the thirty-ninth.

BY THE PRESIDENT,

E. T. Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Ex. Kent, Oct. 3, 1814.

Figure 1 - Rueben Simmons Land Grant

Book Title: The History of Roane County Tennessee 1801-1870

"October 23, 1799, the Tennessee Legislature passed an act for the establishment of a town, to be known as Kingston, on lands owned by Major Robert King. David Miller, Alexander Carmichael, George Preston, John Smith T., William Lovely, Meriwether Smith and Thomas N. Clark, were appointed commissioners. The act of the Legislature establishing Roane County was passed November 1, 1801.The county at that time extended from Anderson and Knox Counties to the southern boundary of the State, but did not include any territory south of the Holston and Tennessee Rivers.

For Military and Civil purposes the County was divided into six companies, commanded by: Thomas Coulter, Richard Oliver, Gray Sims, George Ingram, John Walker, and Hugh Francis.

It is believed that all of these men served in the Revolution. Service of most of them is proved. In 1802 the population of the county included 275 whites and 137 blacks. Only eight of the whites were unable to write. Hugh Beatty and John Stone operated Cotton Gins. Mathew Nelson opened a Tavern in 1808. Henry Liggett was a hatter and lived where the Dixie Hotel is now. Sam Houston, afterwards Governor of Tennessee and Texas, was a clerk in a store in Kingston when he enlisted in the Creek War.

CAPT. RICHARD OLIVER'S CO. 1802:
Joseph Anderson, Richard Allen, William Anderson, Patrick Burns, John Birdwell, Robert Burk, Nathaniel B. Buckingham, Alexander Brown, Robert Brown, Thomas Brown, William Brown, Henry Brazeal, Thomas Brady, David Bailey, Wilie Blount, William Campbell, Esq., Richard Cavett, John Crafton, Samuel Eblen, Jesse Eldridge, John Fulton, Francis Fulcher, Alexander Gamble, James Galloway, David Henly, George Henshaw, Jesse Henshaw, Benjamine Henshaw, James Hankins, John Hankins, Daniel Hare, Paul Harelson, Esq., John Hugins, William Kitchen, Joseph Looney, George Light, Henry Landers, James McIntire, William Matlock, John Matlock, Henry Miller, James Miller, John Miller, James McNeel, Jason Matlock, Charles McClung, Nicholas Mansfield, Hugh McIntire, Robert Miller, Robert Miller, Jr., William Miller, James Morris, James Moore, George Moore, William Prewet, George Preston, John Rhea, James Rogers, William Ramsey, Cumberland Rector, Thomas Shoy, Jesse Stubs, Thomas Stafford, Reuben Simmons, John Thomas, Ephriam Walker, Thomas Walker, John Walker.

The next known ancestors in our line are Vincent Simmons and Hester Korngay. Vincent was born to Rueben Simmons and Frances Glass in 1805 in Roane County, Tennessee and died before 1850 in Talladega, Alabama. His wife Hester, was born around 1806 and also died before 1850. We do not know the exact dates of their births or deaths. We do know that they had four children who lived past infancy. Around 1850, both Vincent and Hester died, leaving their youngest son, Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I, an underage orphan.

Vincent and Hester were the parents of Francis Marion Simmons, George Washington Simmons I, Mary Louisa Simmons and Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I.

**NOTE – Many names are re-used repeatedly. For instance - a Thomas Jefferson Simmons IV, may not be the son of Thomas Jefferson Simmons III, but of George Washington Simmons II.*

Children of Vince Simmons and Hester Korngay

Francis Marion Simmons

Wife - Mahala Brannon

Francis Marion Simmons was the oldest child of the family, born in 1822 in Alabama. He married Mahala Brannon in Talladega, Alabama on 20 May 1843. Francis and Mahala moved to Pike County, Illinois, sometime in 1856. They had two children; James Jehu Simmons (1844 in Talladega County, Alabama – 1918 in Stevens County, Kansas) and Sarah Louisa Jane Simmons Bowman (1848 in Talladega County, Alabama – 1884 in Sullivan County, Missouri). The majority of the descendants of Francis Simmons and Mahala Brannon lived in Kansas & Colorado in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. A large portion of the family joined the Friends (Quaker) denomination and have been active in that faith community, supporting education and missionary outreach. After the death of Francis Simmons, Mahala married Elijah J. Autrey. Having two children by him.

James Jehu Simmons

(16 Apr 1844 – 11 Jan 1918)

Wife Priscilla Amanda Scranton

(1849 – 1880)

- Sarah Simmons (1866 – 1870) burial unknown
- Mary Louisa Simmons (6 Apr 1867 – 11 Dec 1940). Married James Caleb Kinser on 9 Nov 1882 in Bates, Missouri. They are buried in Hugoton, Kansas. They were the parents of seven children.
- Henry Marion Simmons (28 May 1869 – 12 May 1934). He married Sarah E. Lamb on 18 Apr 1894. They are buried in Dodge City, Kansas. They had four children.

Wife Mary M. Reeves

(1843 – 1903) widow of Jess Green, married 1883. No children born to this marriage.

Wife Josina Amanda DeShield

(9 Jul 1839 – 17 Jul 1917) widow of James Hampshire Brannan. No children were born of this marriage.

Sarah Louisa Jane Simmons

(1848 – 8 Aug 1884)

Husband James B. 'John' Bowman

Married 1866 in Pike County, Illinois. They had seven children. They are buried in Milan, Missouri.

- Fidella Lodusta May 'Della May' Bowman (25 Feb 1867 – 9 Feb 1936). Married George F. Harris. Died in Stayton, Oregon, burial site unknown.
- Alice Ann Bowman (1 Jan 1871 – 13 Feb 1892). Married William Benjamin Olmstead on 4 Apr 1888. They had one son. They are buried in Sullivan County, Missouri.
- Marion McDonald 'Mack' Bowman (1873 – 1937). Married Esther Mable Murphy. They had three children. Burial site unknown. Possibly Colorado or Montana.
- Page John Bowman (5 Feb 1875). Marriage unknown. Death date and location unknown.
- Mahalia Amy Bowman (13 Dec 1877). She is buried in Riverton, Wyoming. She married John B. Oliver and had one daughter. She then married John J. Laher and later Daniel Pike.
- Elmer Otis Bowman (23 Aug 1879 – 13 Jun 1936). Married Rose Fischer in 1905. They had five children. They are buried in Sydney, Nebraska.
- Albert Brooks Bowman (4 Dec 1882 – 16 Jun 1971). He married Ida Cardwell in 1907 and they had two children. He later married Laura Ann Wood. He is buried in Amarillo, Texas.

Mary Louisa Simmons

Husband – Stephen Henry Brannon

Mary was born on 26 January 1824 in Talladega County, Alabama. In 1845, she married Stephen Henry Brannon (brother of her sister-in-law). After the death of her parents in 1850, she and Stephen raised her younger brother, Thomas Jefferson Simmons I, who went by the name Jeff. Jeff would remain close to Stephen and Mary, both in a relationship sense and geographically, for the rest of their lives.

In the mid 1850's, Stephen & Mary, along with their children, Jeff, and Stephen's father, moved to what is now Palo Pinto & Parker Counties, Texas. Here they purchased land and began to farm and raise cattle. At this time, Palo Pinto County was on the very edge of the frontier and subjected to repeated raids by the Comanche and Apache tribes. The area, being on the frontier, was also plagued by outlawry – a fact of life that would continue for the next 50 years.

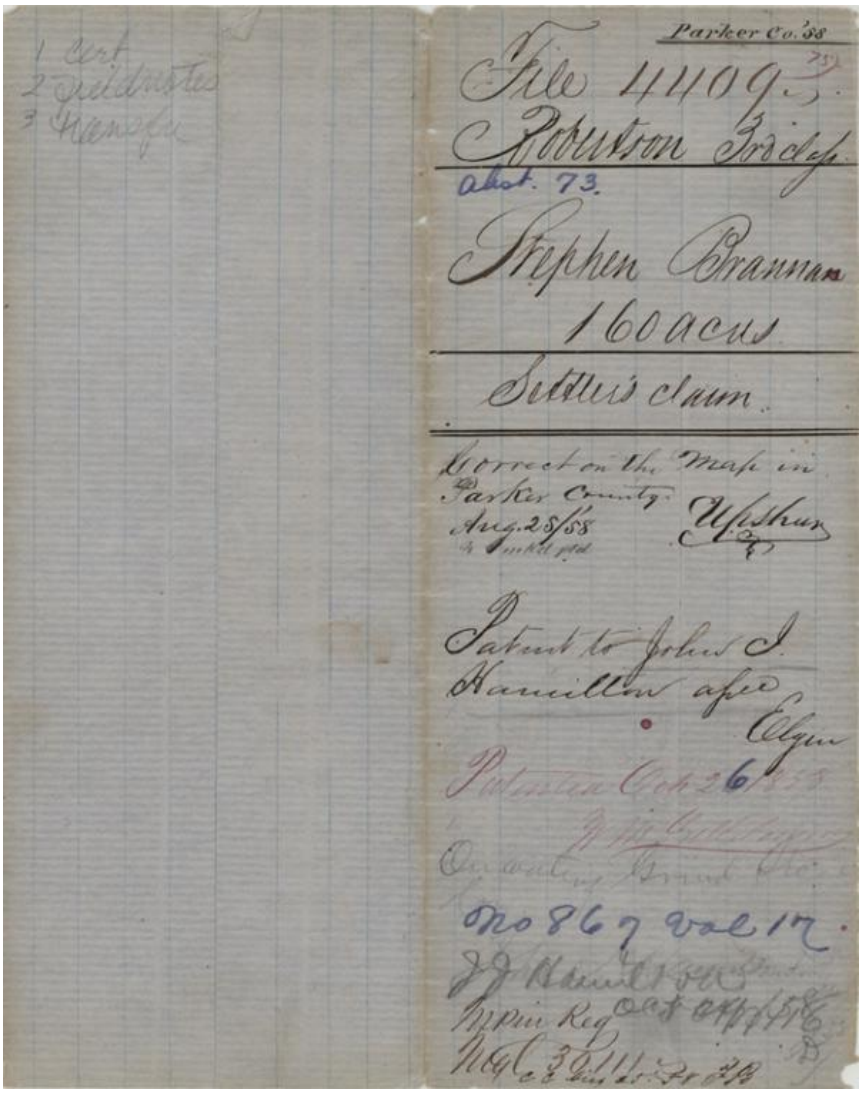


Figure 2- Stephen Brannon Land Grant 1857 Sale

In the year 1861, Texas seceded from the Union and joined the Confederate States of America. As the US Army protecting the frontier was removed, the threats of conflict with the Native Americans and with outlawry, increased dramatically. Stephen did not serve in the Confederate Army, as he was past military age. Their eldest son, William Washington Brannon and his Uncle Jeff Simmons, both joined the Texas Rangers and then the 34th Texas Cavalry, and subsequently fought through to the end of the Civil War. During the Civil War and due to the increased raids by native tribes, the family moved east to Bell County, which was safer from Indian raids, and were still living there in 1870 – during Reconstruction.

After Reconstruction ended in 1871, the family moved west again, first to Erath County and then, to the Brown/Coleman counties area. They purchased land and began raising cattle and subsistence farming. Their ranch was between the now ghost-towns of Whon and Rockwood, south of modern day Santa Anna, bordering the north side of the Colorado River. The couple lived the rest of their lives here. Mary is buried in the Fiveash Cemetery and Stephen is buried in the Rockwood Cemetery. Stephen re-married to Rhuhama Townsen Green, after Mary passed away.

Note: The last name is variously spelled Brannon, Brannan or Brannen. All three spellings are used in records and tombstones of the family, through the years.

Stephen Henry Brannon (26 Nov 1824 – 15 Jun 1901)

Mary Louisa Simmons Brannon (26 Jan 1824 – 16 Feb 1889)

Stephen Henry Brannon and Mary Louisa Simmons, had eleven children – four daughters and seven sons. These were:

William Washington Brannon

(1844 – 1895).Married Nancy Baker and had two children. He and his wife are buried in the Santa Anna Cemetery.

Jefferson West Brannan

(1848 – 1913). Married Mary Ann Upton (1849 – 1880) then Sarah Jane Lemons (1867 – 1938). He was the father of five daughters and two sons. He is buried in San Angelo, Texas. Mary Upton Brannan is buried in Rockwood Cemetery and Sarah is buried in Durant, Oklahoma.

Francis Marion "Frank" Brannan

(1850 – 1926). Never married. Buried in Del Rio, Texas.

Vincent Isaiah Brannan

(1852 – 1923). Married Alice Kasiah Houston (1858 – 1953). Vincent is buried in Brownwood, Texas. Alice is buried in Houston, Texas. They had four daughters and six sons.

Stephen Louis Brannan

(1853 – 1926). He married Mary Wineford Whitley (1851 – 1919). He is buried in Ada, Oklahoma, she is buried in Nolan County, Texas. They had six daughters and two sons.

Sarah Ann Brannan

(1856 – 1886). Died of young of Typhoid Fever. Married John Fiveash (1855 – 1932). Both are buried in the Fiveash Family Cemetery, near Trickham, Texas. She was the mother of three daughters and three sons.

Mary Eliza Brannan

(1859 – 1938). She married William Robert Walker (1857-1924). Both are buried at Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas. They were the parents of two daughters and five sons.

John R. B. Brannan

(1860-1888). Never married. Buried in the Fiveash Cemetery near Trickham, Texas.

Jasper Newton "Jap" Brannan

(1863-1943). Married to Rosa Davis and had a daughter who died as a toddler. Married a second time to Jewel McInnish. He is buried in San Angelo, Texas.

James Henry "Jim" Brannan

(1866-1944). Married Sarah Frances Cooper (1870-1922). They had four daughters and five sons. He married a second time, to Emily Ann Ferguson in 1941. Jim and Sarah are buried in the Santa Anna Texas Cemetery.

Martha Serena Brannan

(1869 -1932). She married John Thomas Cooper and they had five daughters and four sons. They are both buried Mountain View Cemetery in Prescott, Arizona.

George Washington Simmons, Sr.

Wife – Susan Durden

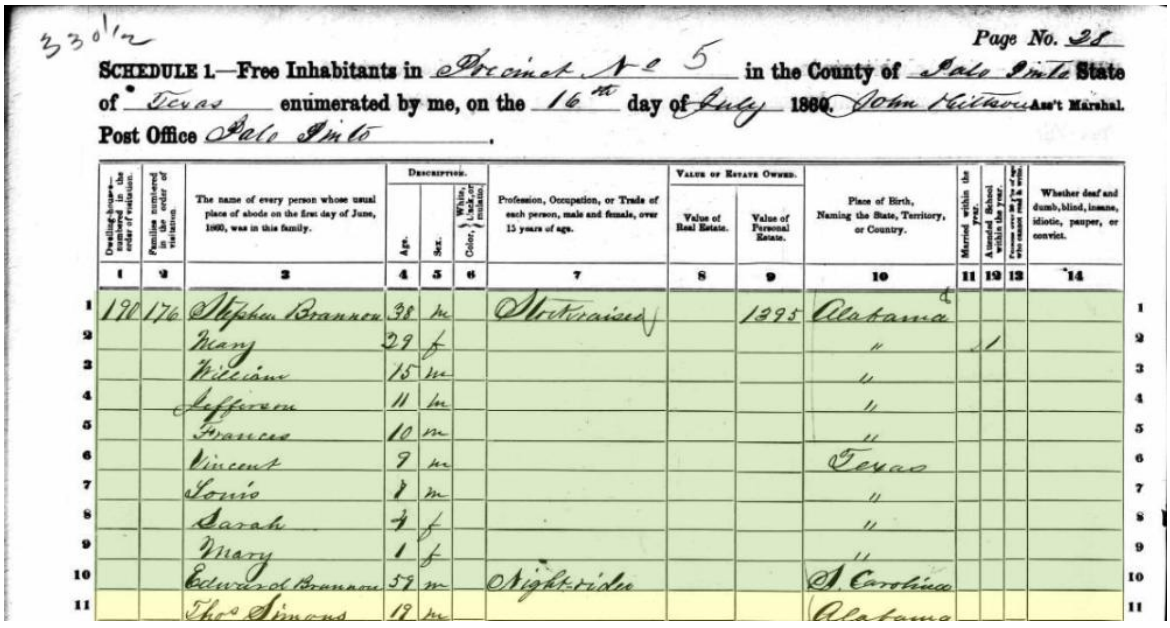
George Washington Simmons, Sr. was the third child of the family. He was born 23 Feb 1832 in Talladega County, Alabama and died on 10 Aug 1896 in Montague County, Texas. He married Susan Durden in November 1850 in Talladega County, Alabama. Like two of his siblings, they immigrated to Texas in the mid 1850's. George and Susan had one son. They are all buried in Montague County, Texas.

- George Washington Simmons, Jr, who was born in 1851 and died in 1878, unmarried.

Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons, I

Wife – Sophenia Josephine Holder

Thomas Jefferson Simmons I, was born on 15 Feb 1840 in Talladega County, Alabama. He went by his middle name of Jefferson or Jeff. After the death of his parents, while he was still a minor, he lived with his older sister and her husband, Stephen Henry Brannon. In the early 1850's, the family moved to what is now Palo Pinto County, Texas and established a homestead farm-ranch. In the 1860 Federal Census, he is listed living on the ranch with his brother-in-law's family and working as a ranch hand. While they did some small farming for family use, the majority of the land was used for cattle ranching.



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Precinct No 5 in the County of Palo Pinto State of Texas enumerated by me, on the 16th day of July 1860. John Hittson Ass't Marshal.

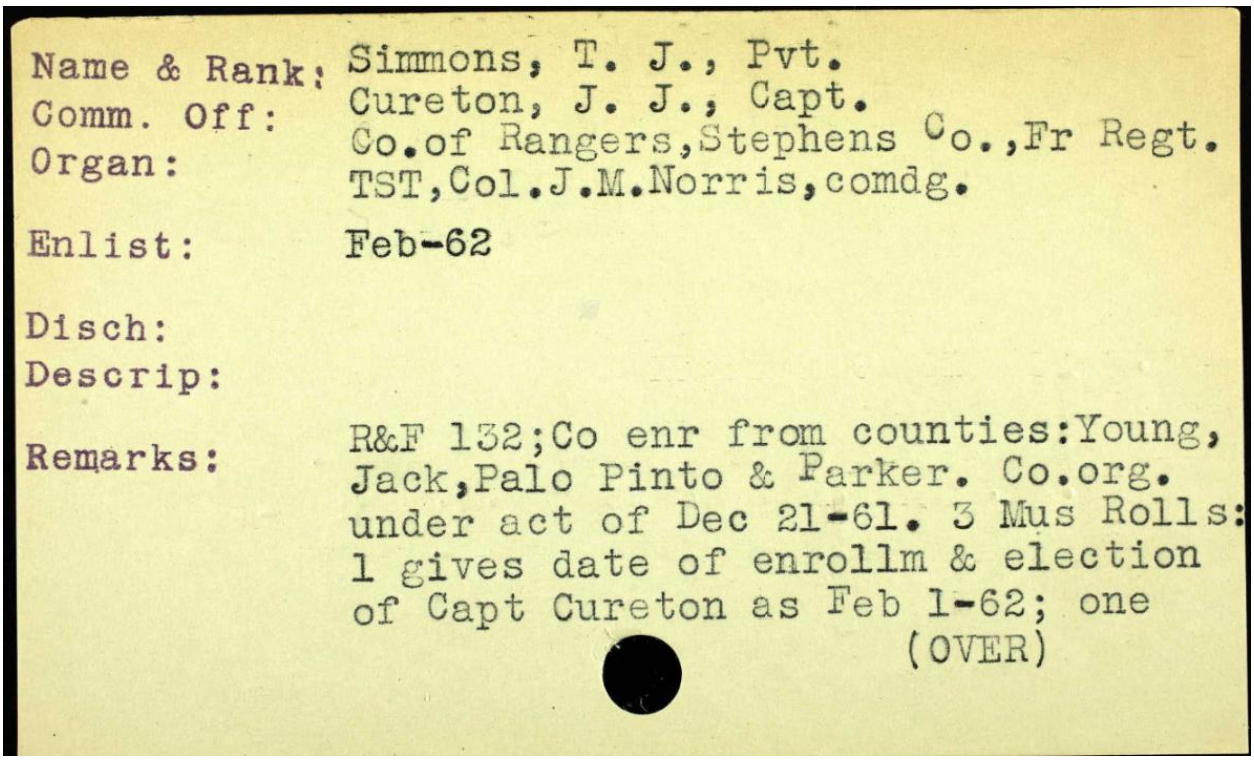
Post Office Palo Pinto

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation	Families numbered in the order of visitation	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description: Age	Sex	Color, black, or mulatto	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country	Married within the year	Attended School within the year	Person over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
190	176	Stephen Brannon	38	m		Stockraiser		1295	Alabama				
		Mary	29	f					"		1		
		William	15	m					"				
		Jefferson	11	m					"				
		Frances	10	m					"				
		Vincent	9	m					Texas				
		Louis	7	m					"				
		Sarah	4	f					"				
		Mary	1	f					"				
		Edward Brannon	54	m		Nightrider			N. Carolina				
		Thos Simons	19	m					Alabama				

Figure 3 - 1860 Census Palo Pinto County, TX

In November of 1860, Republican Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th President of the United States. Immediately after, South Carolina seceded and was followed by all of the other Deep South states. By 1861, these states had created the Confederate States of America and the American Civil War (also known as the War of the Rebellion) began. After Texas seceded, Federal facilities were taken over by the State of Texas and federal troops were withdrawn from protecting the frontier from Native American raids. Prior to the beginning of hostilities between the Union and Confederacy, Texas began recruiting what were called Texas State Troops (TST), which were also known as Texas Ranger Frontier Battalions. The initial purpose of these units was to replace the withdrawn federal troops in protecting the frontier from Native American raids and outlawry.

In early 1862, Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I, enlisted in the Texas Rangers Frontier Battalion (Texas State Troops), for frontier defense. This unit was merged into the 34th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, in late 1862.



Name & Rank: Simmons, T. J., Pvt.
Comm. Off: Cureton, J. J., Capt.
Organ: Co.of Rangers,Stephens Co.,Fr Regt. TST,Col.J.M.Norris,comdg.

Enlist: Feb-62

Disch:
Descrip:

Remarks: R&F 132;Co enr from counties:Young, Jack,Palo Pinto & Parker. Co.org. under act of Dec 21-61. 3 Mus Rolls: 1 gives date of enrollm & election of Capt Cureton as Feb 1-62; one

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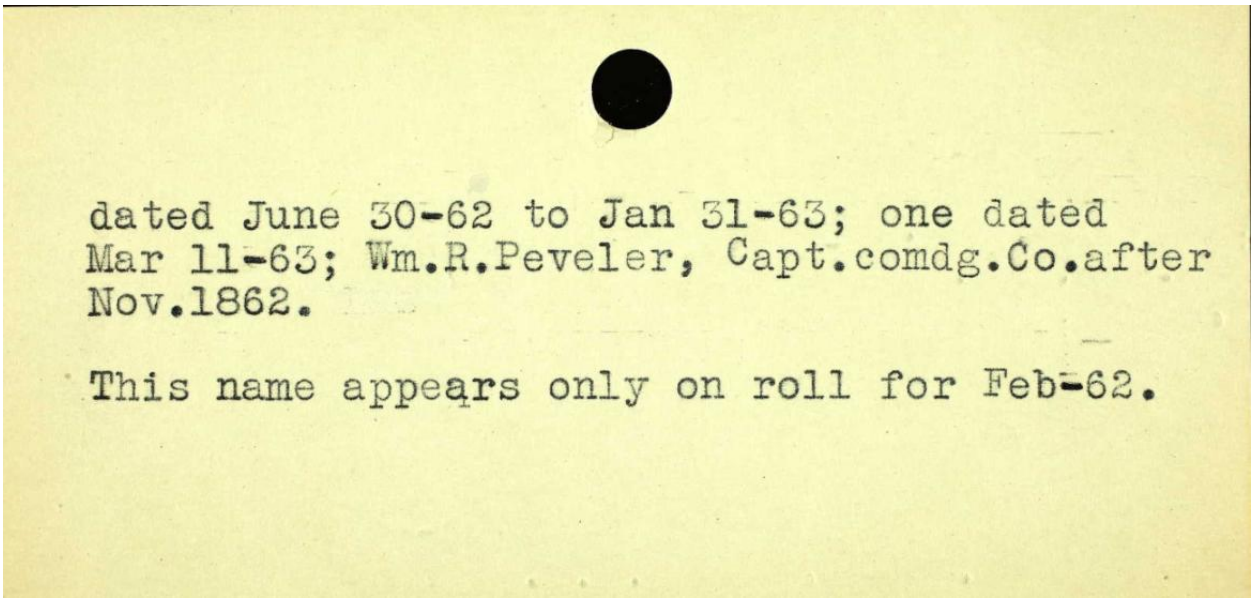
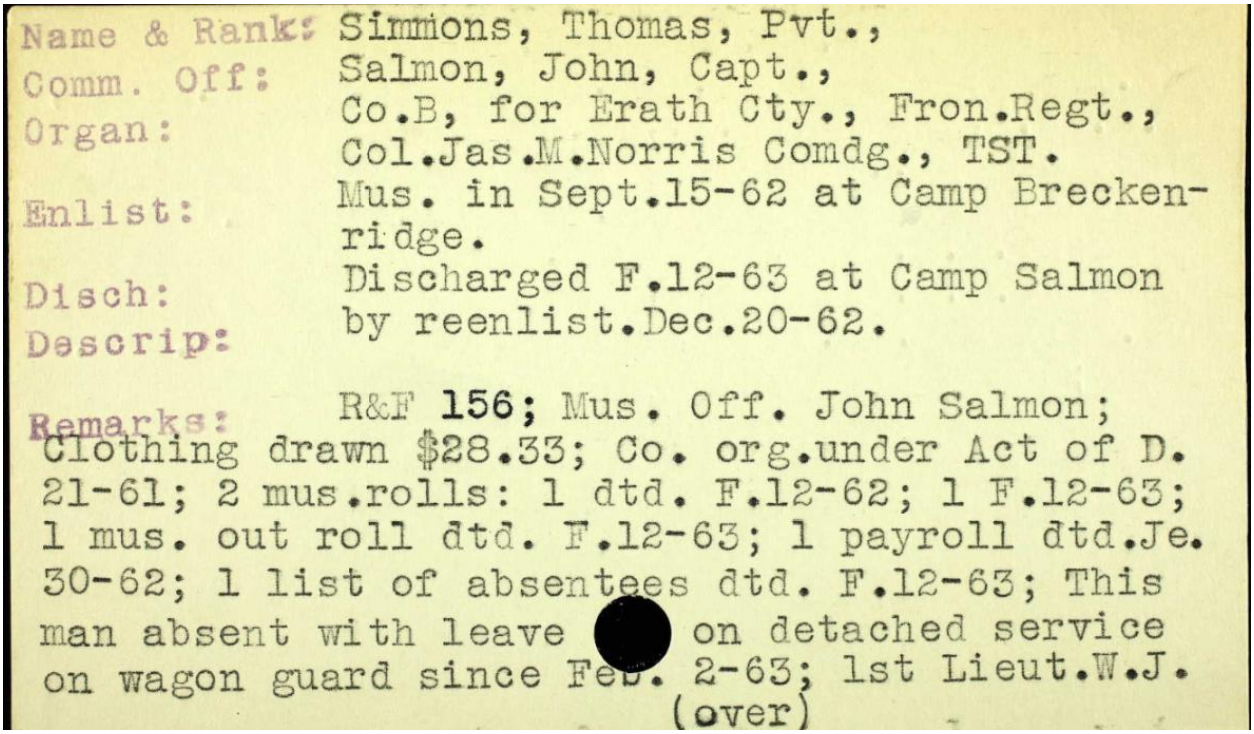
Figure 4- TST Enlistment Record 1



dated June 30-62 to Jan 31-63; one dated Mar 11-63; Wm.R.Peveler, Capt.comdg.Co.after Nov.1862.

This name appears only on roll for Feb-62.

Figure 5- TST Enlistment Record 2



Name & Rank: Simmons, Thomas, Pvt.,
Comm. Off: Salmon, John, Capt.,
Organ: Co.B, for Erath Cty., Fron.Regt., Col.Jas.M.Norris Comdg., TST.
Enlist: Mus. in Sept.15-62 at Camp Breckenridge.
Disch: Discharged F.12-63 at Camp Salmon
Descrip: by reenlist.Dec.20-62.

Remarks: R&F 156; Mus. Off. John Salmon; Clothing drawn $28.33; Co. org.under Act of D. 21-61; 2 mus.rolls: 1 dtd. F.12-62; 1 F.12-63; 1 mus. out roll dtd. F.12-63; 1 payroll dtd.Je. 30-62; 1 list of absentees dtd. F.12-63; This man absent with leave on detached service on wagon guard since Feb. 2-63; 1st Lieut.W.J.

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Figure 6 - TST Enlistment Record 3

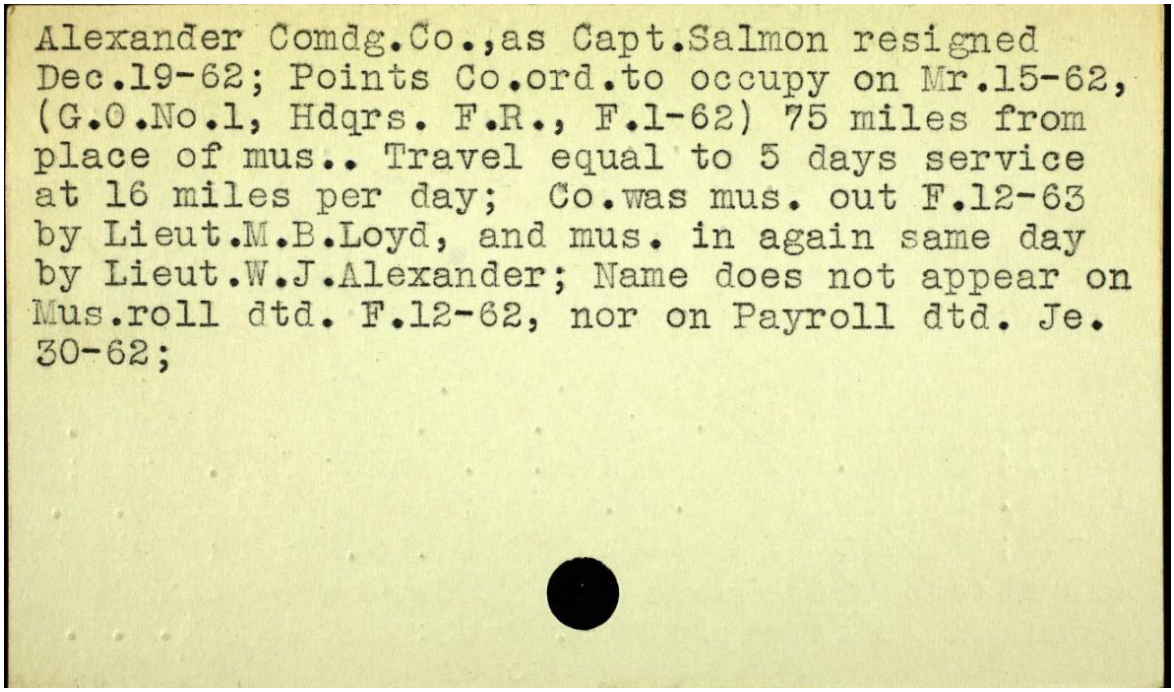

Alexander Comdg.Co.,as Capt.Salmon resigned
Dec.19-62; Points Co.ord.to occupy on Mr.15-62,
(G.O.No.1, Hdqrs. F.R., F.1-62) 75 miles from
place of mus.. Travel equal to 5 days service
at 16 miles per day; Co.was mus. out F.12-63
by Lieut.M.B.Loyd, and mus. in again same day
by Lieut.W.J.Alexander; Name does not appear on
Mus.roll dtd. F.12-62, nor on Payroll dtd. Je.
30-62;

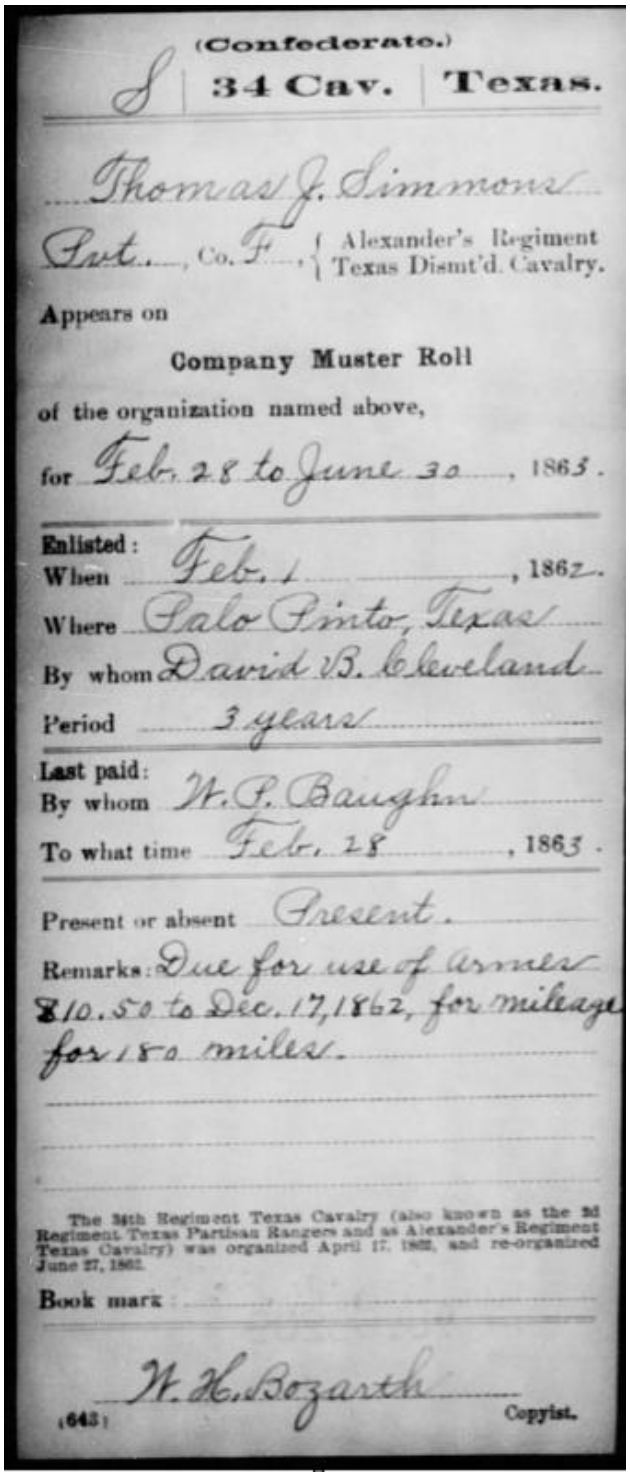
Figure 7- TST Enlistment Record 4

The 34th Texas Cavalry CSA was also known as Alexander's Regiment 2nd Partisan Rangers. This unit operated exclusively in the Trans-Mississippi Theater, west of the Mississippi River in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana. The unit was trained at Camp Salmon in north eastern Callahan County. After they were absorbed into the Confederate Army, they were transferred to Fort Washita, near modern day Durant, Oklahoma, in May of 1862.

On 30 September 1862, the 34th Texas Cavalry participated in the Battle of Newtonia in southwest Missouri, which resulted in a Confederate victory. A month later on 28 October 1862, the 34th Texas Cavalry participated in the Battle of McGuire's Store, just east of Fayetteville, Arkansas – which resulted in a Union victory. In late 1862, due to the inability to provide for horses, the unit was permanently dismounted and operated as infantry for the remainder of the war. On 7 December 1862, the 34th Texas Cavalry fought as infantry in the Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, which was tactically a draw, but strategically a Union victory.

In April of 1863, the 34th Texas Cavalry was transferred to Louisiana and joined the brigade of Prince Camille Armand Jules Marie de Polignac, aka …. "General Polecat". In 1864, the 34th Texas Cavalry fought in the Red River campaign, in the battles of Mansfield, Pleasant Hill and Yellow Bayou in Louisiana, turning back the Union invasion led by General Nathaniel Banks. By March of 1865, the 34th Texas Cavalry was assigned to Walker's Greyhounds, also known as the Texas Infantry Division, at Hempstead, Waller County, Texas. The division was fortifying the area and awaiting the arrival of the Confederate President, Jefferson Davis and other members of the Confederate government for a "last stand" against the Union forces. Davis was captured in Georgia and the war was over, thus no last stand happened. In May of 1865, the CSA forces in Texas were surrendered and the 8,000 or so men of the Texas Division, were discharged and went back to their homes. One of these surviving combat veterans

was Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I. The Confederate Records for the 34th Texas Cavalry are not complete, but we do have few for Jeff Simmons.



(Confederate.)

S | 34 Cav. | Texas.

Thomas J. Simmons

Pvt., Co. F., { Alexander's Regiment Texas Dismt'd. Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Feb. 28 to June 30, 1863.

Enlisted:
When Feb. 1, 1862.
Where Palo Pinto, Texas
By whom David B. Cleveland
Period 3 years

Last paid:
By whom W. P. Baughn
To what time Feb. 28, 1863.

Present or absent Present.

Remarks: Due for use of Arms $10.50 to Dec. 17, 1862, for mileage for 180 miles.

The 34th Regiment Texas Cavalry (also known as the 3d Regiment Texas Partisan Rangers and as Alexander's Regiment Texas Cavalry) was organized April 17, 1862, and re-organized June 27, 1862.

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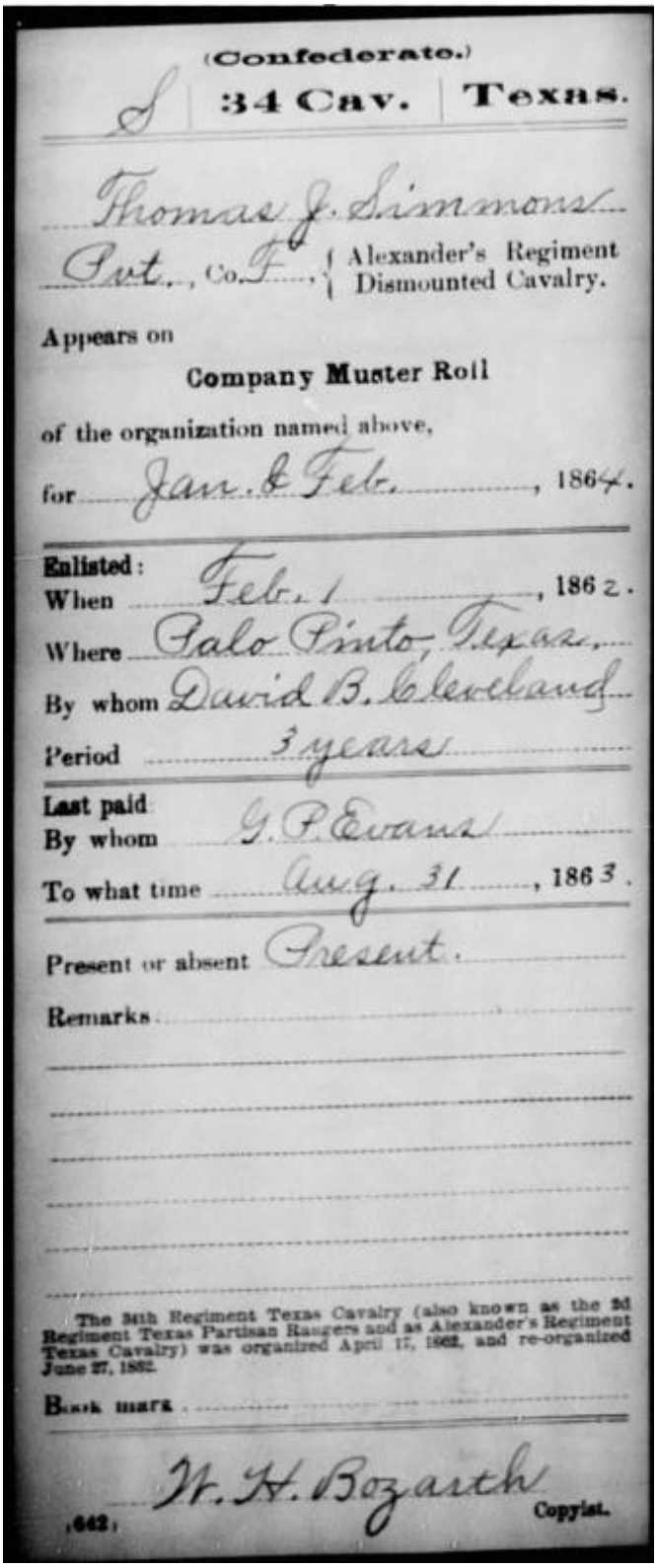

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Thomas J. Simmons

Pvt., Co. F, { Alexander's Regiment Dismounted Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Jan. & Feb., 1864.

Enlisted:
When Feb. 1, 1862.
Where Palo Pinto, Texas.
By whom David B. Cleveland
Period 3 years

Last paid
By whom G. P. Evans
To what time Aug. 31, 1863.

Present or absent Present.

Remarks

The 34th Regiment Texas Cavalry (also known as the 3d Regiment Texas Partisan Rangers and as Alexander's Regiment Texas Cavalry) was organized April 17, 1862, and re-organized June 27, 1862.

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Figure 9- CSA MilRec 02

During the Civil War, due to increased Comanche and Apache raids along the frontier, his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Stephen Brannon, had moved east to Bell County, Texas and the family ranch in Palo Pinto County was gone. Upon discharge, Jeff Simmons went west to work as a cowboy and was working in the Coleman-Brown-McCulloch county areas, which was still open range and on the frontier. On 8 October 1865, Jeff married Sophenia Josephine Holder (she went by Josephine or Josie), in Waldrip, Texas. Josephine was the daughter of Newman Jackson Holder and Martha Ann Moss, who are buried in LeFors & Clarendon, Texas. Waldrip is now a ghost-town, which was located just south of the Colorado River in northern McCulloch County, west of modern day State Highway 283.

Jeff and Sophenia were ranching just north of the Colorado River, northeast of where Whon is now located, in Coleman County, Texas, in the mid 1860's. We know that their homestead was along the bank of Home Creek, due to documented raids by Comanche warriors, in 1866. In 1905, Josephine (then a widow) filed a claim with the US government under the Indian Depredation Act of 1899, for the theft of horses from their ranch in 1866, by a Comanche raiding party. At this time, Coleman – Brown - McCulloch counties were on the very edge of the frontier, with towns just being established, the entire area was in the Comancheria and subject to repeated raids and violence.

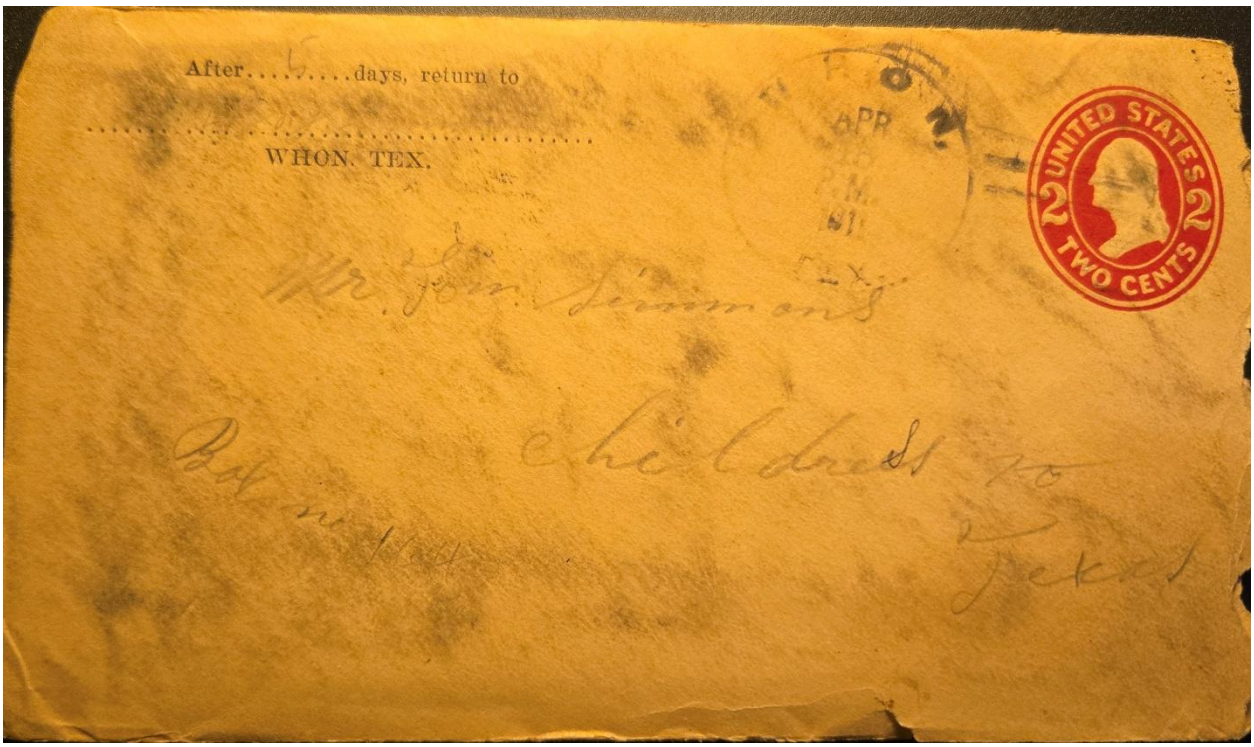
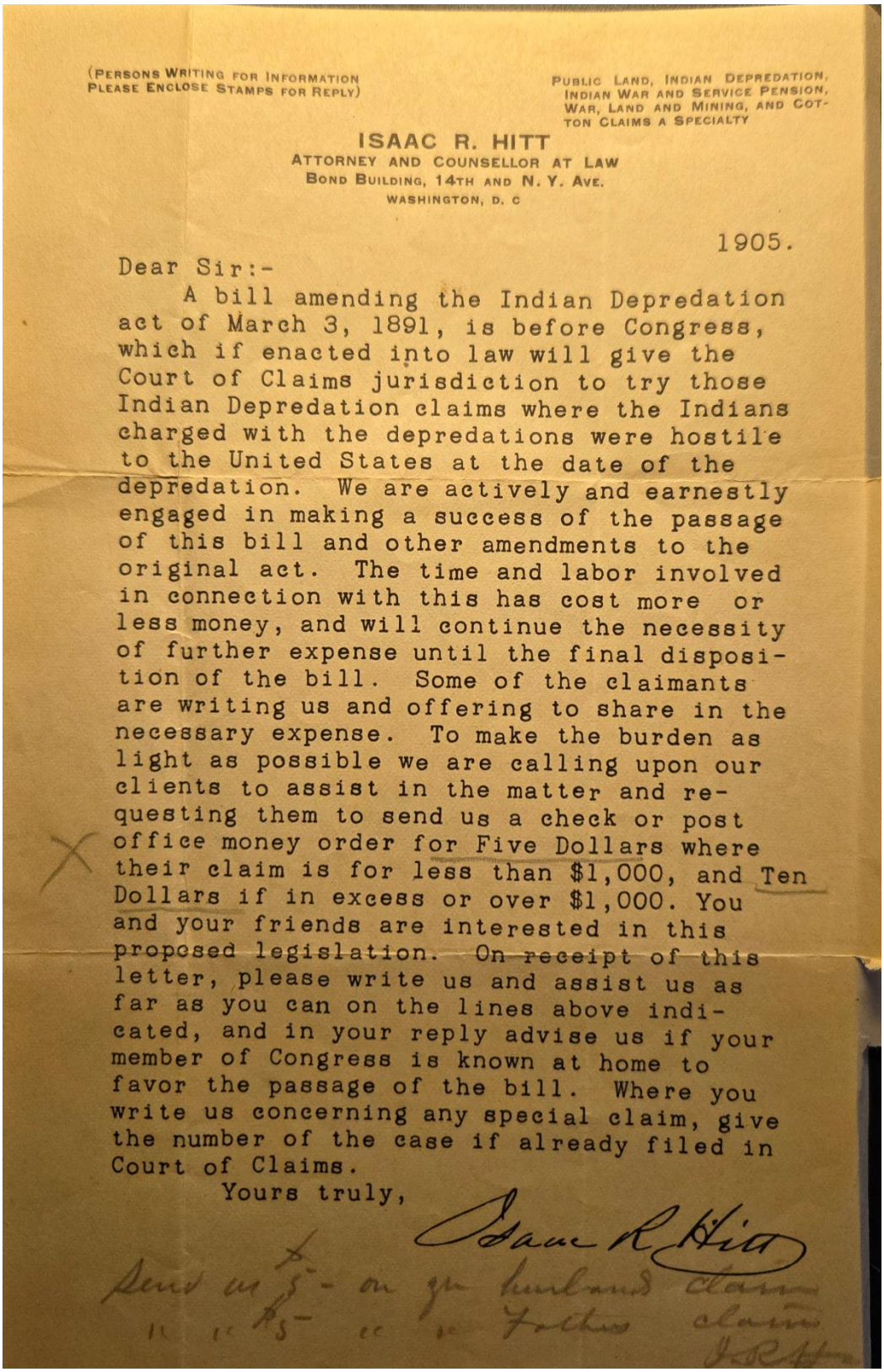


Figure 10 - Envelope from Indian Depredation Claim



(PERSONS WRITING FOR INFORMATION PLEASE ENCLOSE STAMPS FOR REPLY)

PUBLIC LAND, INDIAN DEPREDATION, INDIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSION, WAR, LAND AND MINING, AND COTTON CLAIMS A SPECIALTY

ISAAC R. HITT
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
BOND BUILDING, 14TH AND N. Y. AVE.
WASHINGTON, D. C

1905.

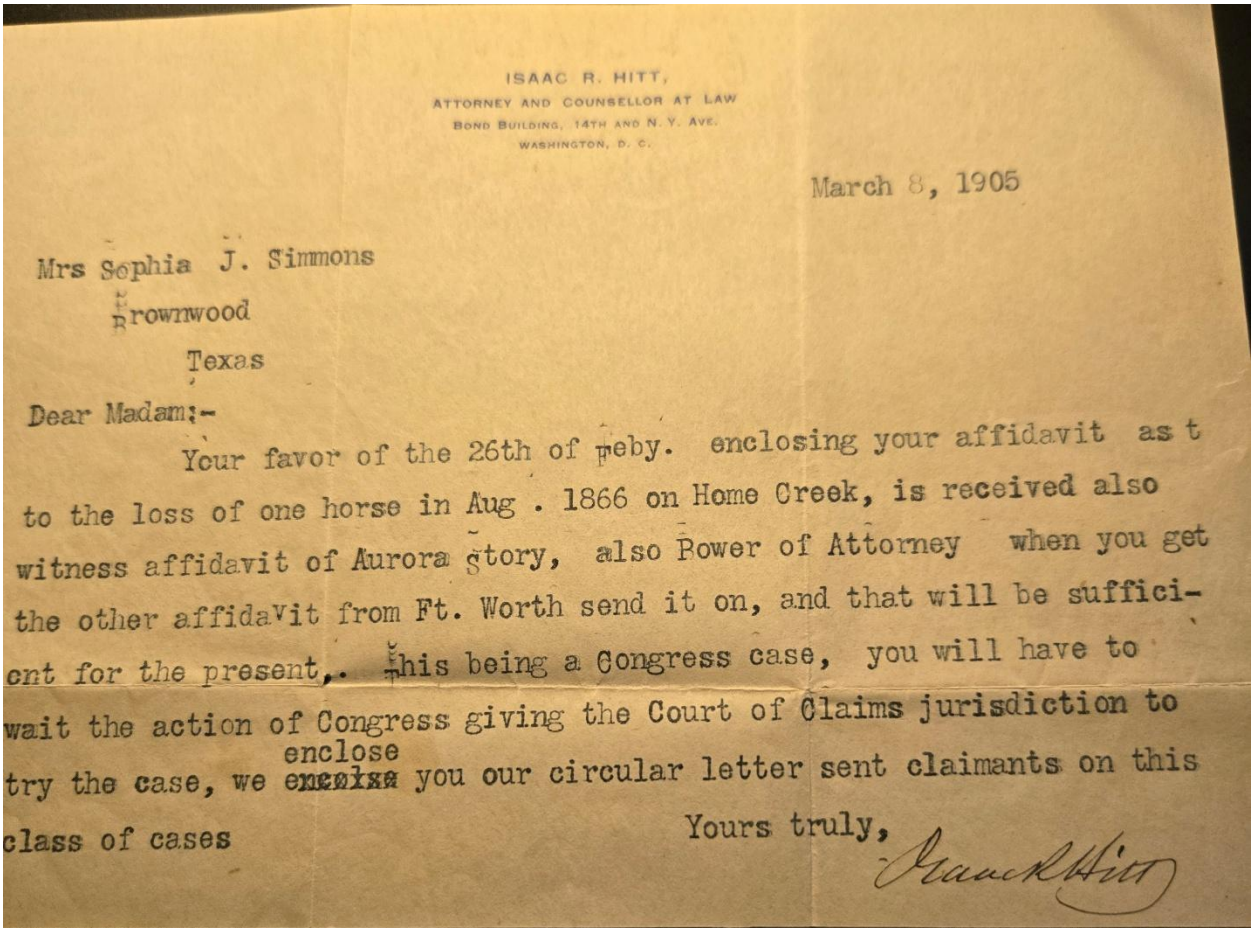
Dear Sir:-

A bill amending the Indian Depredation act of March 3, 1891, is before Congress, which if enacted into law will give the Court of Claims jurisdiction to try those Indian Depredation claims where the Indians charged with the depredations were hostile to the United States at the date of the depredation. We are actively and earnestly engaged in making a success of the passage of this bill and other amendments to the original act. The time and labor involved in connection with this has cost more or less money, and will continue the necessity of further expense until the final disposition of the bill. Some of the claimants are writing us and offering to share in the necessary expense. To make the burden as light as possible we are calling upon our clients to assist in the matter and requesting them to send us a check or post office money order for Five Dollars where their claim is for less than $1,000, and Ten Dollars if in excess or over $1,000. You and your friends are interested in this proposed legislation. On receipt of this letter, please write us and assist us as far as you can on the lines above indicated, and in your reply advise us if your member of Congress is known at home to favor the passage of the bill. Where you write us concerning any special claim, give the number of the case if already filed in Court of Claims.

Yours truly,

Isaac R. Hitt

Figure 11 - Instructions on Indian Depredation Claim



ISAAC R. HITT,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
BOND BUILDING, 14TH AND N. Y. AVE.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 8, 1905

Mrs Sophia J. Simmons
Brownwood
Texas

Dear Madam:-

Your favor of the 26th of ~~m~~eby. enclosing your affidavit as t to the loss of one horse in Aug . 1866 on Home Creek, is received also witness affidavit of Aurora Story, also Power of Attorney when you get the other affidavit from Ft. Worth send it on, and that will be sufficient for the present,. This being a Congress case, you will have to wait the action of Congress giving the Court of Claims jurisdiction to try the case, we enclose you our circular letter sent claimants on this class of cases

Yours truly,

Isaac R. Hitt

Figure 12 - Indian Depredation Claim Record for 1866 Raid

**Note: Aurora Story in the letter above was Josephine's sister, Elizabeth Anora Holder Story who lived in Houston*

By April of 1869, Jeff, Josephine, their infant daughter Martha and their baby Thomas Jefferson, had moved east to Acton in Hood County, Texas. Little Martha passed away and was buried in Acton, Texas in 1869, the only child that did not live to adulthood. This move was directly in response to the raids and violence with the Comanche and Lipan Apache tribes. We know this because their second child, Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Simmons II was born in a wagon somewhere in Comanche County, en route to Acton. The family story passed down, is that they were being chased by Comanche warriors, but there are no contemporary mentions in newspapers about it. Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Simmons II, applied for an "Old Age Pension" in the mid 1930's, where he indicated he was born in Comanche County. There are numerous records of Indian Raids occurring in the Erath - Coleman – Brown - Coleman counties areas until the mid-1870's, with numerous graves of victims in the area.

In 1870, Jeff and Josephine's third child was born in Bell County, named Bay Alexander Simmons.

We know that by 1871, the family had moved to Erath County on a homestead. This homestead ranch on 160 acres was located 20 miles northwest of Stephenville, Texas, close to Palo Pinto Creek. This would be just south of where the community of Thurber stands on modern Interstate Highway 20, 40 miles southwest of Weatherford. The homestead law in effect in the 1870's, required an eligible person to occupy and improve a 160 acre plot of land for a minimum of five years, before gaining ownership of

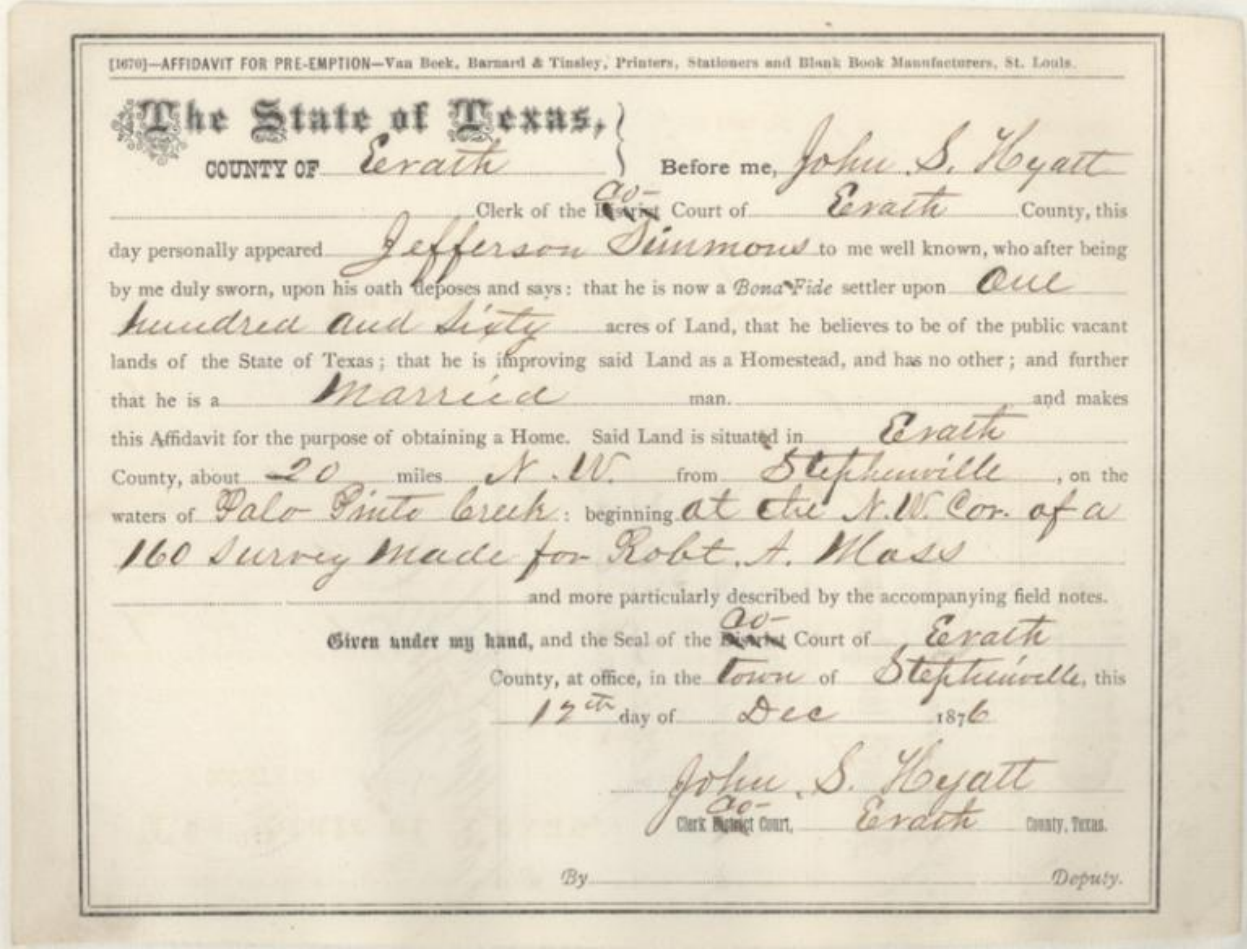
the said land. There are two primary documents that confirm this. One is the land grant paperwork from the State of Texas, and the second, is the property tax records from 1875 in Erath County. Jeff and Josephine perfected the title to their homestead on 12 December 1876. On 21 October 1872, their fourth child, George Washington Simmons II, was born on the homestead.

Thomas Jefferson Simmons I, was a member of the Texas Ranger Frontier Battalion from 1874 – 1875 (*probably a carryover from his service in the Rangers in 1861/62*), based in Erath County and covering Erath, Hamilton, Comanche, Brown and Coleman counties. He was not a full-time Ranger, but what was called a "Minute Man", called to duty in certain situations. In June of 1874, he was a part of the Ranger detachment that was active in responding to the killing of Brown County Deputy Sherriff Charles Webb in Comanche, by wanted outlaw John Wesley Hardin and his associates. He served with William Marion Green, Jr., a famous Texas Ranger and future relative by marriage. He assisted in arresting John Wesley Hardin's older brother, Joseph Gibson Hardin, maternal cousins Tom Dixon and Bud Dixon, and turning them over to the Comanche County Sherriff. He then took part in hunting for other Hardin cousins, Alec Barekman and Ham Anderson, also from the "Hardin Gang". They were found near the Colorado River and a gun battle ensued. Both Barekman and Anderson were killed in this battle with the Rangers. This was the only recorded action of Jeff Simmons as a Ranger, after the Civil War.

**Note1: The use of the term "the Hardin Gang" is how the group was identified in contemporary newspapers & legal filings. Whether they could be construed to be an outlaw gang, like the Wild Bunch or the Cole-Younger Gang, is debatable.*

**Note2: Bruce D. White, co-author of this paper is directly descended from both the Simmons and Hardin families, mentioned herein.*

On 5 April 1877, Jeff and Josephine sold their homestead to John. T. McWhirt for $150, equivalent to $5,700 in 2025 dollars. Following this, they moved back the southeast area in Coleman County, Texas.



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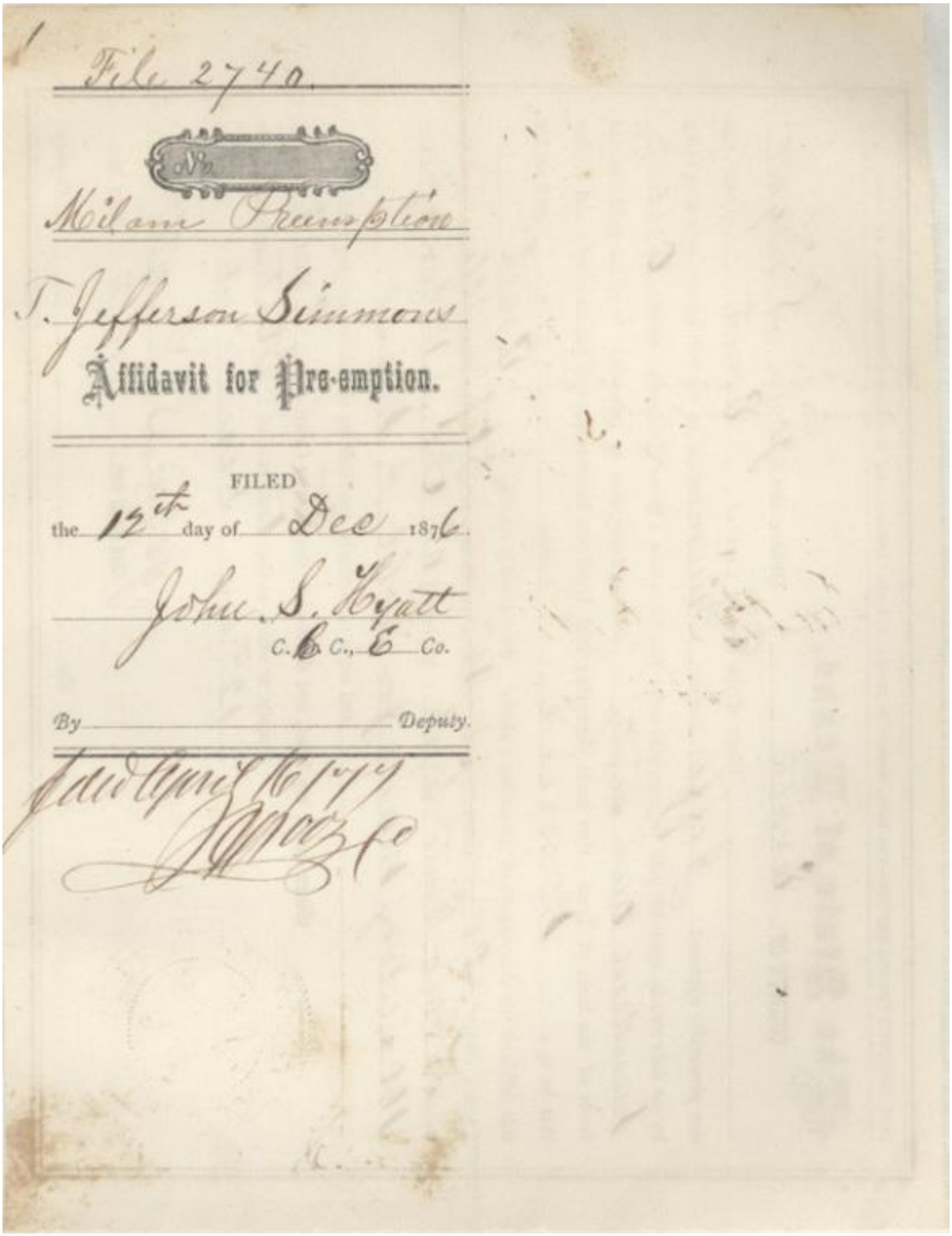
The State of Texas,
COUNTY OF Erath } Before me, John S. Hyatt
Clerk of the [illegible] Court of Erath County, this day personally appeared Jefferson Simmons to me well known, who after being by me duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says: that he is now a *Bona Fide* settler upon One hundred and Sixty acres of Land, that he believes to be of the public vacant lands of the State of Texas; that he is improving said Land as a Homestead, and has no other; and further that he is a Married man and makes this Affidavit for the purpose of obtaining a Home. Said Land is situated in Erath County, about 20 miles N.W. from Stephenville, on the waters of Palo Pinto Creek: beginning at the N.W. Cor. of a 160 Survey made for Robt. A. Mass and more particularly described by the accompanying field notes.

Given under my hand, and the Seal of the [illegible] Court of Erath County, at office, in the Town of Stephenville, this 17th day of Dec 1876

John S. Hyatt
Clerk District Court, Erath County, Texas.

By _____ Deputy.

Figure 13 - Erath County Land grant Title 1876 Signed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Milam Preemption

T. Jefferson Simmons

Affidavit for Pre-emption.

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the 12th day of Dec 1876.

John S. Hyatt

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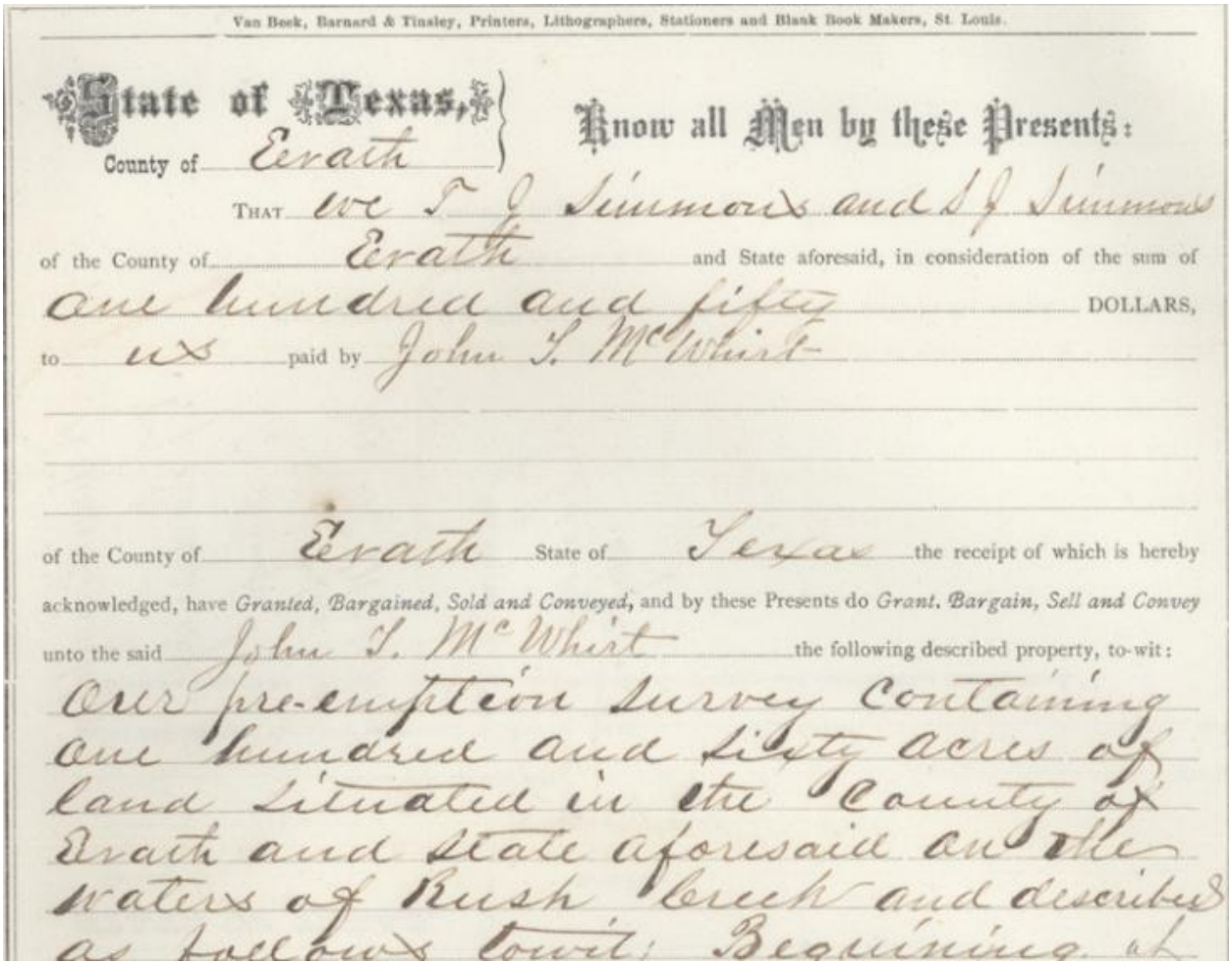
By _____ Deputy.

Figure 14 - Figure 9 - Erath County Land grant Title 1876 File Number Record



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State of Texas, County of Erath

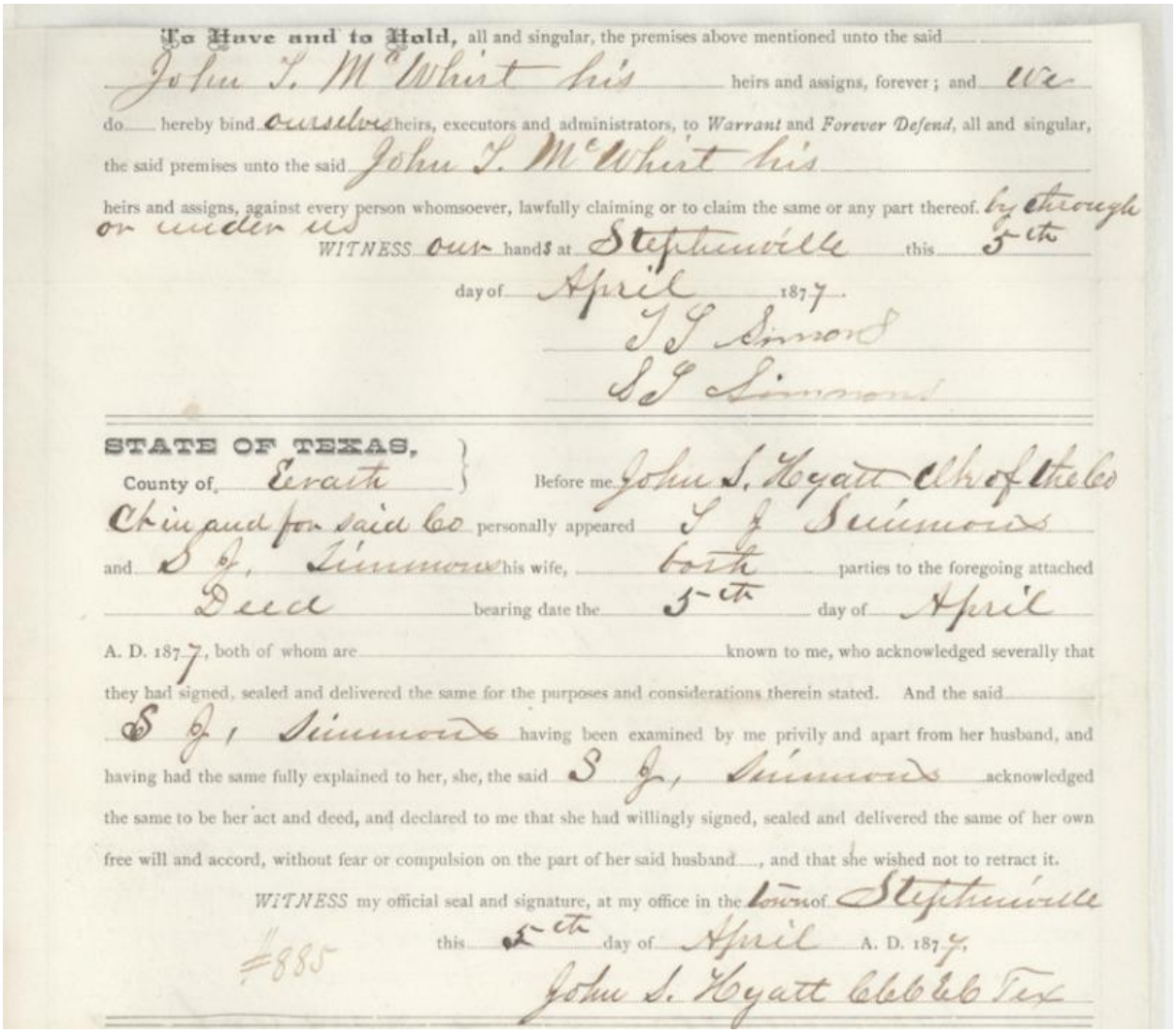
Know all Men by these Presents:

That we T J Simmons and S J Simmons of the County of Erath and State aforesaid, in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty DOLLARS, to us paid by John T. McWhirt

of the County of Erath State of Texas the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have *Granted, Bargained, Sold and Conveyed*, and by these Presents do *Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey* unto the said John T. McWhirt the following described property, to-wit:

our pre-emption survey containing one hundred and fifty acres of land situated in the County of Erath and State aforesaid on the waters of Rush Creek and described as follows to wit: Beginning at

Figure 15 - Erath Ranch Sale of Land 01



To Have and to Hold, all and singular, the premises above mentioned unto the said John T. McWhirt his heirs and assigns, forever; and We do hereby bind ourselves heirs, executors and administrators, to *Warrant* and *Forever Defend*, all and singular, the said premises unto the said John T. McWhirt his heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof. by through or under us

WITNESS our hands at Stephenville this 5th day of April 1877.

J J Simmons

S J Simmons

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Erath } Before me John S. Hyatt Clk of the Co Ct in and for said Co personally appeared J J Simmons and S J, Simmons his wife, both parties to the foregoing attached Deed bearing date the 5th day of April A. D. 1877, both of whom are known to me, who acknowledged severally that they had signed, sealed and delivered the same for the purposes and considerations therein stated. And the said S J, Simmons having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having had the same fully explained to her, she, the said S J, Simmons acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and declared to me that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same of her own free will and accord, without fear or compulsion on the part of her said husband, and that she wished not to retract it.

WITNESS my official seal and signature, at my office in the town of Stephenville this 5th day of April A. D. 1877.

#885

John S. Hyatt Clk Co Ct Tex

Figure 16- Erath Ranch Sale of Land 02

Figure 17- Erath County Tax Records 1875

After selling their land in Erath County, Jeff and Josephine moved back to southeast Coleman County, located 1.5 miles south of where the ghost-town of Whon is located. The Simmons ranch, bordered the north bank of the Colorado River. This is confirmed by an 1879 property tax list. On 5 July 1881, their fifth child, John Henry Simmons was born on this ranch. On 23 June 1884, their sixth and final child was born on the ranch, named Jesse James "Jim" Simmons. We know exactly where the ranch was, based upon two pieces of documentation. The first is the death certificate of Josephine and the second is the GPS tagged location of her sons', George Washington Simmons' wife and infant children's graves in the Simmons Family Cemetery in Coleman County.

Figure 18- 1879 Coleman County Property Tax Record

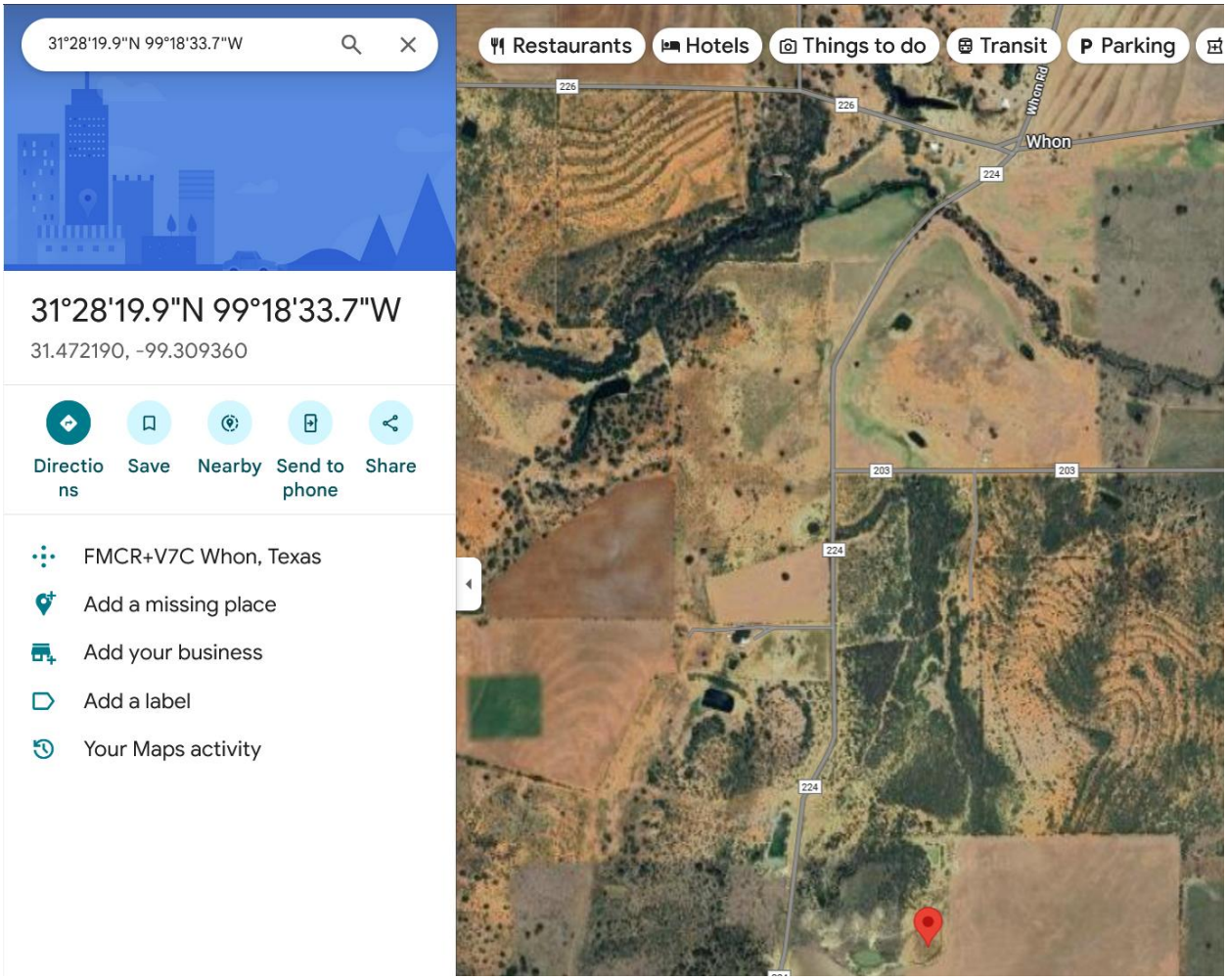
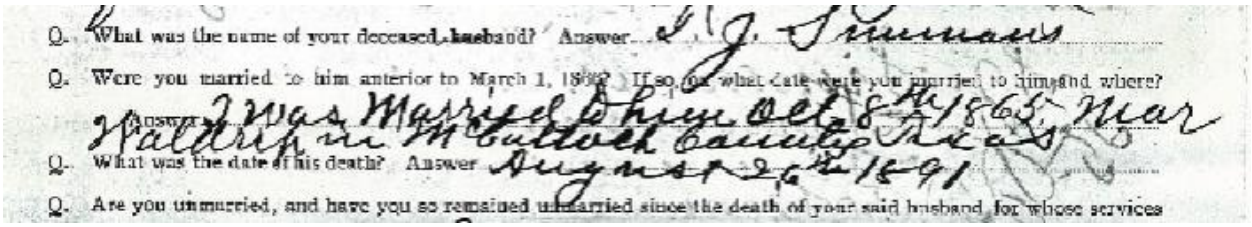


Figure 19 - Location of Simmons Family Cemetery near Whon, Texas

By the year 1891, we know that Jeff and Josephine were living in Brownwood, with their youngest two sons, and operating a general store. The family ranch was being ran by their older sons, Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Simmons II, Bay Alexander Simmons and George Washington Simmons. The family also owned and operated general stores in Whon and Bangs. Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I died on 26 August 1891, as per the Confederate Pension awarded to Sophenia in 1899, which she filled out. There is a discrepancy on his date of death, because a tombstone erected at some point in the twentieth century, lists a different date of death, than what his widow listed in the 1800's. The full CSA Pension will be posted as an addendum, at the end of this document. We do not know how Jeff died.



Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer J. J. Simmons

Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1865? If so, at what date were you married to him and where?

Answer I was Married to him on the 8th 1865 Near Waldrip in Mitchell County Texas

Q. What was the date of his death? Answer August 26th 1891

Q. Are you unmarried, and have you so remained unmarried since the death of your said husband for whose services

Figure 20- CSA Pension filed by Sophenia in 1899

After Jeff's death, Josephine lived as a widow for the remainder of her life, and raising her youngest two sons. In 1900, Josephine and her youngest son, Jim, were living as renters in Brownwood, Texas. He was still in school and she was working as a laundress. In 1910, she is living in a boarding house/apartment in Brownwood and earning a living as a dress maker. In her last years, she lived with her sons Tom, George and John at various times.

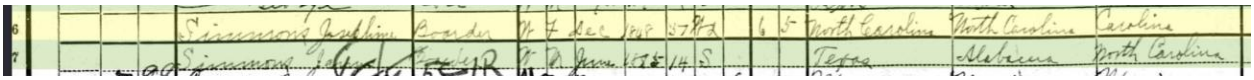
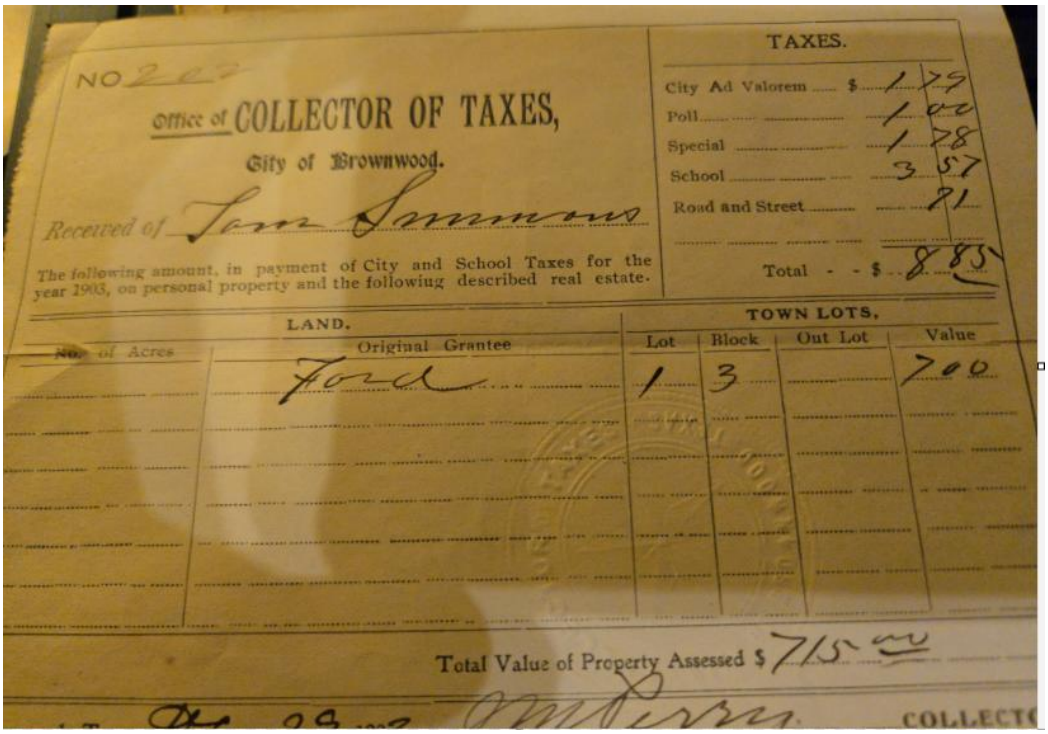


Figure 21 - 1900 Census, Brownwood, Brown County, Texas



NO 202

Office of COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

City of Brownwood.

Received of Tom Simmons

The following amount, in payment of City and School Taxes for the year 1903, on personal property and the following described real estate.

TAXES.

City Ad Valorem	$ 1 79
Poll	1 00
Special	1 78
School	3 57
Road and Street	71
Total	$ 8 85

LAND. No. of Acres	Original Grantee	TOWN LOTS. Lot	Block	Out Lot	Value
	Ford	1	3		700

Total Value of Property Assessed $ 715 00

Figure 22- Brown County Property Tax Receipt 1903 - For the General Store in Brownwood

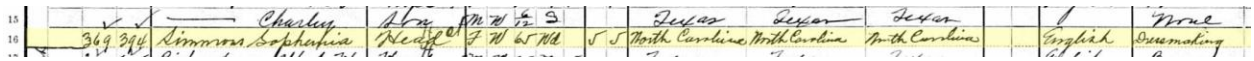


Figure 23- 1910 Census, Brownwood, Brown County, Texas

We know Josephine went to Childress, Texas in 1910, after her grand-daughter, Sophenia Josephine "Doolie" Simmons was born to her son Tom and his wife Alice. She helped the new parents and assuredly spoiled her namesake grand-daughter, for a couple of years. She returned to Coleman County and lived with her son John Henry and his wife Elma, on the family ranch, 1.5 miles south of Whon. Sophenia Josephine Holder Simmons died at the family ranch on 7 October 1917, at the age of 68. She is buried beside her husband, Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I, in Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood, Texas. There is only one photograph of Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I, which has been located, of the General Store.

Around 1900, Tom Simmons II sold his share in the general stores and the family ranch to his brother George. Tom, along with his first wife and adopted daughter, moved to Breckinridge and then to Childress, Texas, in 1906. Bay Alexander Simmons had already moved to Childress and Tom followed. At this time, Childress was a booming town, with a railroad maintenance facility, cheap "school land" options and poised for the twentieth century growth. George and his family remained in Whon, Jesse James and family were in Brownwood and John Henry and family moved to Paint Rock, Concho County, by the 1920's.

Most of the descendants of Tom and Bay Simmons, grew up and lived on the panhandle of Texas. Most of George Simmons' family settled around the Brownwood – Abilene – Sweetwater areas. Most of John Henry Simmons' family were around Brady, Texas. Jesse James Simmons's family were around Brownwood.

Now, in the twenty-first century, many of the descendants of Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I and Sophenia Josephine Holder still live in Texas. Others live all over the country, from California to New England. From this one couple, there are over 300 documented living descendants, in the year 2025.

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TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
Reg. Dis. No. 156
Registered No.
B.O.V. FORM D
27192

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Coleman
City 1½ mile S Whon Texas
2 FULL NAME Josephine Simmons

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
3 SEX Female | 4 Color or Race White | 5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Wid
6 DATE OF BIRTH 68
7 AGE 68 yrs.
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work Housekeeper
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Not Known
10 NAME OF FATHER Mr Holder
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Not
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Known
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) John Simmons
(Address) Whon Texas
15 Filed 10/31 1917 W.A. Stroy Registrar

MEDICAL PARTICULARS
16 DATE OF DEATH Oct 7 1917
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug 1, 1917, to Sept 1, 1917
that I last saw h... alive on ... 191...,
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at ... m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: Organic heart Disease
(Duration) 10 yrs.
Contributory (Secondary) age
(Signed) Joe E. Weedy M. D.
*Use International List of Cause of Death—State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, State (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.
18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.)
19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Brownwood | DATE OF BURIAL 10/7 1917
20 UNDERTAKER McINNIS & SON | ADDRESS Brownwood

NOTE WELL—INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE.
WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
Where Stillborn is given as cause of Death, file birth certificate. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

Figure 24 - Death Certificate of Sophenia Josephine Holder Simmons

Figure 25 - Mother and sons 1916.Front L-R: George Washington Simmons, Sophenia Josephine Holder Simmons, Thomas Jefferson 'Tom' Simmons II. Back L-R: John Henry Simmons & Jesse James 'Jim' Simmons. Brownwood, Texas. Bay not in photo.

Figure 26 - Brownwood General Store Full Family (Bay taking photo, early 1891. L-R George Washington Simmons, Thomas Jefferson 'Jeff' Simmons I (father), Bay Alexander Simmons, Thomas Jefferson 'Tom' Simmons I, Unknown (possible Brannon cousin), Sophenia Josephine Holder Simmons (mother). This is the only known photograph of Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I. John Henry (10) and Jesse James (7) would have been children in school.

Figure 27- Whon General Store 1900's – George Washington Simmons, behind the counter – electric lights present

Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I and Sophenia Josephine Holder were the parents of:

Martha Simmons

(12 Aug 1867 – 9 April 1869). She is buried in Acton Cemetery in Hood County, Texas.

Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Simmons II

(28 Feb 1869 – 24 Apr 1950). He died of old age and is buried in Childress, Texas. He married three times:

Leonora Frances "Fannie" Ross

(12 Feb 1864 – 31 Aug 1907). Married 4 Nov 1888 in Brownwood, Texas. She was the widow of Frederick Thomas Carlisle and had a daughter, who Tom adopted:

- Lela Elizabeth Carlisle Poteet (22 Dec 1882 – 13 Oct 1961) and is buried in Paris, Texas.

Alice Lura Diggs

(5 Feb 1888 – 26 Mar 1916). Widow of James Keys in 1909. She was the mother of two toddlers. Alice died in childbirth with her fourth child. Tom and Alice had two children of their own:

- Sophenia Josephine "Doolie" Simmons Brooks (10 Oct 1910 – 14 Apr 1993). Married to Henry Brooks and is buried in Paducah, Texas. No children were born to them.
- Thomas Bay Simmons (26 Mar 1916 – 20 Jul 1916). He is buried in Childress, Texas.

Mamie Mae Hardin

(13 Oct 1898 – 18 Jan 1986), married 5 Nov 1916 in Childress, Texas. Tom and Mamie had six children, Mamie is buried in Childress, Texas. **NOTE: Mamie Mae Hardin was a cousin to John Wesley Hardin, who Tom's father, Jeff Simmons pursued as a Texas Ranger in 1874.*

- Thomas Jefferson Simmons III (18 Jul 1917 – 25 May 1922). He is buried in Childress.
- John Daniel "Dan" Simmons (23 Feb 1919 – 9 July 1999). He married Bertha "Tommie Jo" Morgan in 1943. Dan and Tommie Jo are buried in Amarillo, Texas. They had three daughters.
- Mary Oleta Simmons (20 Jun 1921 – 2 Jan 2010). She married Horace Herman White in 1937. They are both buried in Amarillo, Texas. Oleta and Horace had three sons, only Bobby lived to adulthood.
- Franklyn Thomas "Buddy" Simmons (19 Nov 1923 – 14 Jan 2015). Married Jo Anne Peterson in 1946. Both are buried in Fort Worth, Texas. They were the parents of three sons.
- Elizabeth Luticia "Lizzie" Simmons (31 Aug 1925 – 11 Aug 2004). Married to Garland Wallace in 1942. Both are buried in Plainview, Texas. They were the parents of two sons and one daughter.
- Verna Mae "Bertie" Simmons (31 Dec 1927 – 13 Mar 1929). Buried in Childress, Texas.

Bay Alexander Simmons

Wife – Ruby Ilene Odell

(13 Nov 1870 – 18 May 1951). Married Ruby Ilene Odell in 1900. He died of old age and is buried in Childress Texas. They had four children. We know that by mid-1900, they were living in Cisco, Texas, where their first daughter was born.

- Ida Mae Simmons White (25 Nov 1900 – 30 Dec 1992). She married Theodore Roy "Eric" White. They are buried in Cisco, Texas. They were the parents of two children.
- Homer Vernon Simmons Sr. (21 Sep 1902 – 3 Jun 1947). He married Mary Davie Cheatheam (1907 – 1992). They are buried in Childress, Texas. They were the parents of five children.
- Francis Lenora Simmons Cheatheam (12 Jan 1909 – 6 Aug 2002). She married Oran "Ted" Cheatheam and they had four children. She is buried in Childress, Texas.
- Gladys Ilene Simmons Cromer (19 Mar 1918 – 7 Feb 2006). She married Herold Leon Cromer and they had two children. They are buried in San Antonio, Texas.

George Washington Simmons

(21 Sep 1872 – 22 Aug 1944). He was married three times and was the father of seventeen children & stepfather to two. He died of old age and is buried in Roby, Fisher County, Texas.

Wife - Mary Melvina Richardson

(22 Feb 1873 – 4 Mar 1908). Married 25 May 1893 in Brown County, Texas. She is buried in the Simmons family plot on the family ranch south of Whon, Texas. She was the mother of nine children.

- James Louis Simmons (18 May 1894 – 18 Sep 1978). Buried in Clyde, Texas. Was married three times. Father of eight children.
- William Harris Simmons, Sr. (10 Nov 1895 – 25 Nov 1945). Married Mary Laura Roberson. They are buried in Fort Stockton, Texas. They were the parents of seven children.
- Infant Simmons (1896) buried in Simmons family plot.
- Thomas Jefferson Simmons Sr. (13 Apr 1897 – 18 Nov 1976). Married Eunice Ella Sneed. They are buried in Payson, Arizona, They were the parents of nine children.
- Infant Simmons (1898) buried in Simmons family plot.
- Martha Ann Simmons Walters (1898 – 1920). Married Monroe Alonzo Walters. Died from childbirth complications. Burial not known.
- Emma Melvina Simmons Cowan (26 Sep 1899 – 18 Oct 1988). Married Ruffin Elbert Cowan. Buried in Ballinger, Texas.
- Bessie Maebel Simmons Harrison (8 Jun 1901 – 7 May 1942). Married George Washington Harrison. They were the parents of five children. She is buried May, Brown County, Texas.
- Lela Simmons Gilbreath Musick (5 Mar 1904 – 11 Aug 1982). Married Elva Gilbreath and after his death, George Musick. She had one son by Elva. She is buried in Monahans, Texas.

Wife -- Sarah Catherine Hull

(9 Nov 1885 – 20 Apr 1920) married to Walter Richardson and divorced in 1903. Married George Washington Simmons on 12 May 1909. She had one daughter by Richardson and five children by George Simmons. She is buried in Whon, Texas.

- Nettie Louis Richardson Deal (7 Aug 1902 – 10 Jun 1978). Married William Forrest Deal. They are buried at Fisk, Texas. They were the parents of four children.

- Jesse Leon Simmons (25 Jun 1911 – 6 Feb 1940). Married Nora Blanche Carroll. He is buried in Whon, Texas. They had two children. He died of diabetes.

- Mittie V. Simmons Scoggin (23 Aug 1912 – 17 Feb 1951). Married Amos Hardy Scoggin, Sr. in 1936. They were the parents of two children. They are buried in Big Spring, Texas. *Mittie was born with a congenital birth defect that directly led to her death.*

- Hattie Ireba "Reba" Simmons McSpadden (6 Jul 1914 – 30 Dec 1984). Married Jeff Rea McSpadden Sr. They are buried in Fredericksburg, Texas. They were the parents of two children.

- Edd Busch Simmons (10 Jul 1917 – 26 My 1983). Married Candace Elizabeth "Sister" Batteas on 13 Aug 1938. Both are buried in Abilene, Texas. They were the parents of two children.

- Lloyd Elbert "Catfish" Simmons (23 Jul 1919 – 17 Sep 1978). He is buried in Odessa, Texas. He was married twice, to Thelma Helen Williams and then to, Mandy Wall. He was the father of five children.

Wife - Bertha Ola Bible

(29 Jun 1890 – 7 Mar 1977) Widows of Charles Peeples. She had two children with Carl, who George helped raise. Bertha and George also had three children together. Bertha is buried in Whon, Texas.

- Carl Edgar Peeples (8 Sep 1911 – 8 Sep 1998). He married Louise Greer Trotter. They are buried at Water Valley, Texas. They had one daughter.
- Emma Tylene Peeples (20 May 1915 – 12 Jan 2006). She married Howard Oliver Poindexter, then Cherry Solomon Bryant. She is buried Big Lake, Texas. She had one son.
- Jack Wheeler Simmons (10 Aug 1925 – 4 Jan 2011). He married Norma Lee Phipps. They are buried in Las Vegas, Nevada. They had two children.
- Imagene Simmons (11 Jan 1927 – 3 May 1928). Buried in Rankin, Texas.
- Joe Duane "JD" Simmons (4 Dec 1934 – 23 Oct 1946). Buried in Austin, Texas. Joe was born with Down's syndrome. After his father died, he went to live in the State School in Austin. He died of the flu.

John Henry Simmons

(5 July 1881 – 9 Sept 1928). Born in Coleman County, Texas. He married Elma Reed on 13 Jan 1912 in Waldrip, Texas. He hung himself and she died of old age and they are buried in Lohn, Texas. They were the parents of four children.

Wife - Elma Reed

(6 Jul 1892 – 3 Sep 1973). She re-married George R. Baisden in 1933, he died in 1949 in California and they had no children. Children with Joh Henry Simmons:

- Glynn Reed Simmons (29 Oct 1912 – 9 Apr 1996). Married Thelma V Hampton in 1941, then Joella Cole in 1990, after the death of his first wife. Glynn and both wives are buried together in Brady, Texas. He had no children.
- Josephine Mostella Simmons (11 Oct 1916 – 8 Jan 2007). She married James Elvard White, Jr. on 19 Nov 1932. They are buried in Brady, Texas. They were the parents of two daughters.
- Nell Simmons (16 Nov 1920 – 22 Sep 2001). She married Billy Fowler in 1936 and then Guy Francis "Frank" Kiger in 1945. Nell and Frank Kiger had five children. Nell and Frank are buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Francisco, California.
- Johnnie Lou Simmons (20 Oct 1922 – 15 Jan 2018). Married twice. Cremated in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She first married Lynn Carlton Talley in 1943, then Gardner Eugene Wallace in 1952. She was the mother of four children.

Jesse James "Jim" Simmons

(23 Jun 1884 – 22 Mar 1944). Married Laura Estelle Landrum on 25 Dec 1906. He died of tuberculosis and they are both buried in Brownwood, Texas. They were the parents of five children.

Wife Laura Estelle Landrum

(26 Oct 1890 – 13 Jun 1974) married Charles Lemuel Perry after the death of Jim

- Pearl Electra Simmons (23 Sep 1907 – 14 Jan 1972). She married Earl Swarthout 20 Oct 1924 and they had six children. After Earl's death, she married Edward Rueben Tidwell. Pearl and Earl are buried in Houston, Texas.
- Josie Irene Simmons (10 Apr 1909 – 18 Nov 1988). She married first Earl Frederick Paris and they had one child. She married a second time to Graves Muncy Wood
- Annie M Simmons (1908) burial unknown
- Katie Estell Simmons (16 May 1910 – 11 May 1913) burial unknown.
- Jesse James Simmons Jr. (1914) burial unknown
- Henry Ervin Simmons (12 Jul 1916 – 11 Feb 1917) buried Greenleaf Cemetery, Brownwood, TX

Individual – Family Photographs

Sophenia Josephine Holder

Figure 28 - Sophenia Josephine Holder Simmons – circa 1891

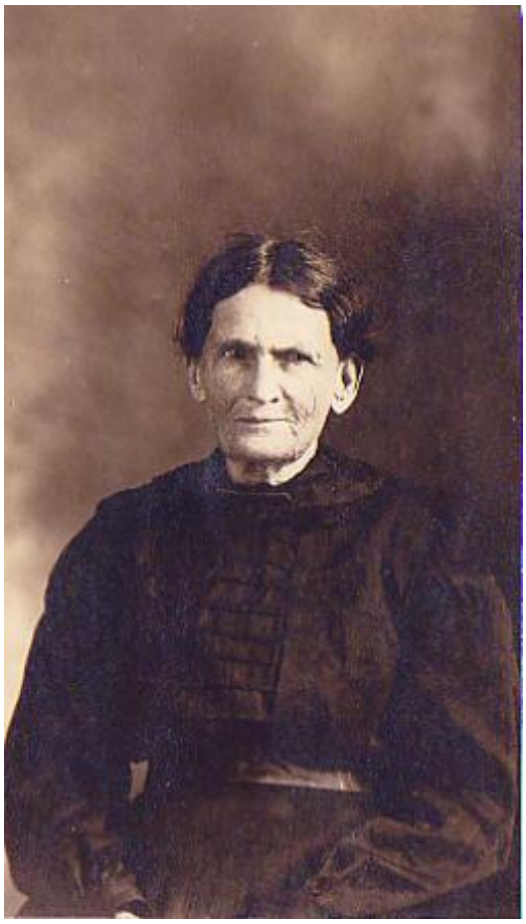


Figure 29- Sophenia Josephine Holder Simmons – circa 1915

Thomas Jefferson “Tom” Simmons II & Family

Figure 30 - Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Simmons II- Circa 1896

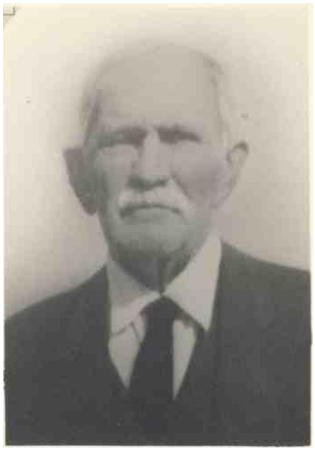


Figure 31- Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Simmons II- Circa 1945

Figure 32 - Tom & second wife, Alice Lura Diggs Wedding 1908

Figure 33 - Tom, Alice and baby Sophenia Josephine "Doolie" Simmons 1912

Figure 34- Lela Carlisle Poteet - Tom's adopted daughter by his first wife 1930

Figure 35 - Wedding, Tom & third wife, Mamie Mae Hardin 1916

Figure 36 - Tom Simmons family 1936, Tell, Childress County, Texas. L-R: John Daniel "Dan" Simmons, Thomas Franklyn "Buddy" Simmons, Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Simmons II, Mary Oleta Simmons, Mamie Mae Hardin Simmons (wife), Elizabeth Luticia "Lizzie" Simmons. Doolie was grown and married, not in photo.

Figure 37 - Tom and "His Girls" - L-R: Mamie Mae Hardin Simmons (wife/mother), Mary Oleta Simmons White, Elizabeth Luticia "Lizzie" Simmons Wallace, Sophenia Josephine "Doolie" Simmons Brook & Tom - 1946

Bay Alexander Simmons & Family

We have only been able to find one photo of Bay and none of his wife.

Figure 38- Bay Alexander Simmons - circa 1945

George Washington Simmons II & Family

George Simmons Family: George (center back), small boys in front: James, William, Thomas, Mary Melvina (center), Lela in front of her, Martha, Emma and Bessie

circa 1906, Whon (Coleman County), Texas

(unknown: Young man back right, oldest boy far left, three women right of Mary Melvina, young girl far right)

Figure 39- GW Simmons, first wife Mary Melvina Richardson and kids. Man at far right by the horse is George's younger brother John Henry Simmons. Taller young man at far left, is the youngest brother of George, Jesse James "Jim" Simmons

Figure 40- George and second wife, Sarah Catherine Hull – 1909

John Henry Simmons & Family

Figure 41- John Henry Simmons 1912

Figure 42 - Elma Reed Simmons, wife of John Henry

Jesse James "Jim" Simmons & Family

Figure 43- Tom & Jim Simmons, 1940

Figure 44- Mamie Hardin Simmons, Tom Simmons, Jim Simmons and Laura Estelle Landrum Simmons, 1940

Figure 45- Laura Estell Landrum Simmons Perry - 1965

Oral History, Family Stories & Tales to Excite

Cowboys & Indians & Babies

It was told that Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Simmons II was born in the back of a wagon, as the family was fleeing from Comanche Raiders, who were attacking settlers in McCulloch, Coleman and Brown Counties. The Simmons initially lived in southeast Coleman County and the area was being raided a great deal in the years after the Civil War, 1865 – 1870. We know that the Simmons ranch along Home Creek in Coleman County, was raided and horses stolen in 1866. The family, in February 1869, decided to go east to the settled areas behind the frontier, specifically to Hood and Bell counties, due the Indian raids. While on the trail heading east, Tom Simmons was born somewhere in Comanche County on 28 February 1869……supposedly being pursued by Comanche Warriors.

Jesse & Frank James Visit

This tale was told the author by both Uncle Dan Simmons and my grandmother, Mary Oleta Simmons White (children of Tom Simmons). Later on, we found out that the same story had been passed down in the family of George Washington Simmons, which gives some credence to it being true. This would have to have been the in the late 1870's or 1880.

This supposedly happened when the Simmons family were living on their homestead in Erath County, Texas, just to the south of where IH-20 is now, around Thurber, Texas. When Tom, Bay and George Simmons were boys, they were given a bundle of food and items, tied up in fabric and attached to a pole. The boys were told to take it out on the ranch and set it under a grove of trees. The boys went out and did as they were told, two men rode up and took the package. One of the men, thanked the boys and identified himself as Jesse James.

It is a known and documented fact that Jesse and Frank James routinely came to Texas, when the law in Missouri was after them. They are documented to have been in Austin, Archer City, Denton, Jacksboro, Fort Worth and other areas. As former Confederates, they had friends, military comrades and relatives in Texas. Jesse and Frank James were thought of as "Robin Hood" figures during their careers as outlaws, by many of the common people, standing up to banks, corporations and Carpet Baggers. It is not only likely, but probable, that the boy's father, Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I, served with and knew Jesse James from his service in the Confederate Army in the Trans-Mississippi Theater of the American Civil War.

The Hardin Gang – Excitement in Comanche County

This story is documented extensively, both in newspapers of the time and in many histories since the events. It is also corroborated by government records, artifacts and grave sites. The following is really just about details, which changed little to the overall history.

In June of 1874, Outlaw John Wesley Hardin and his "gang" arrived in Comanche, Texas. They were taking a herd of cattle to Abilene, Kansas from their homes in Gonzales County, Texas. They had stopped in Comanche for two reasons. The first was to pick up another herd and the second reason, was to visit John Wesley Hardin's family. His father had opened a school there and his older brother, Joseph Gibson Hardin, was practicing law & land speculation. John Wesley Hardin's wife and daughter were going to stay with his parents, as he took the herd to Abilene – an undertaking of two to three months.

What happened has been discussed and debated ever since, and a full recitation is not possible here. In short, Brown County Deputy Sheriff, Charley Webb, and John Wesley Hardin got into a gun fight. Both wounded each other. John Wesley Hardin's friend, Jim Taylor and cousins, Bud & Tom Dixon, all unloaded their pistols into Deputy Webb, killing him. Charley Webb was a former Texas Ranger and was very well liked by the people in the area. The members of the Hardin Gang then ran, trying to get away from the law and the vigilante mobs.

The Texas Ranger Frontier Battalion was activated. They arrested the group's cowboys, who were managing the original herd, pastured in Hamilton County. They then proceeded to track John Wesley Hardin, Jim Taylor, the Dixon cousins, Alec Barekman and Ham Anderson, also cousins of John Wesley Hardin. The Rangers captured Bud & Tom Dixon, along with Joseph Gibson Hardin – older brother of John Wesley Hardin, trying to sneak supplies and money to John Wesley Hardin and Jim Taylor. They were turned over to the Comanche County Sheriff and were subsequently hung by a vigilante mob later that night.

After turning their prisoners over to the Comanche County Sheriff, the Rangers then divided, half going after John Wesley Hardin & Jim Taylor, the other half going after Barekman and Ham Anderson. Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Simmons I, was with the second group, under Lt. William Marion Green. They tracked Barekman and Anderson to a thicket on the north bank of the Colorado River, in Brown County. A gun fight ensued, leading to the deaths of Barekman and Anderson. John Wesley Hardin and Jim Taylor escaped. Hardin ended up fleeing to Florida, where he was eventually arrested by Texas Rangers and Florida Marshals and brought back to Texas. He was tried in Comanche County for the killing of Webb, was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in Huntsville Prison.

In 1916, Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Simmons II, married Mamie Mae Hardin, cousin of John Wesley Hardin, in Childress, Texas. Thus in my family…….the Outlaws became the In-Laws!

Texas Ranger Lt. William Marion Green mentioned above, was the nephew of Rachel Mernerva Green, who was married to William Barnett Hardin II (grandparents of Mamie Mae Hardin), also a first cousin of John Wesley Hardin.

Moonshine on the Plains

In 1928, prohibition had been in effect in all of the United States, but that did not stop people from drinking, making alcohol or selling it. A lot of rural people simply reverted to historical roots and made their own. White Lightning, moon-shine, rock-gut were the names. All a person needed was privacy, a home-made still, corn and some other ingredient. .Living on the Simmons farm, 10 miles south of Tell in Childress County, Texas, was an older hire farm hand named Squire. He was an African-American man, who worked for Tom Simmons and lived in his own house on the farm. Squire, along with Tom and his brother-in-law, Willie Joe Lentz, operated a private still. They did not bootleg liquor, it was for their own medical use. Willie Joe Lentz as married to Mamie's sister, Zula Hardin

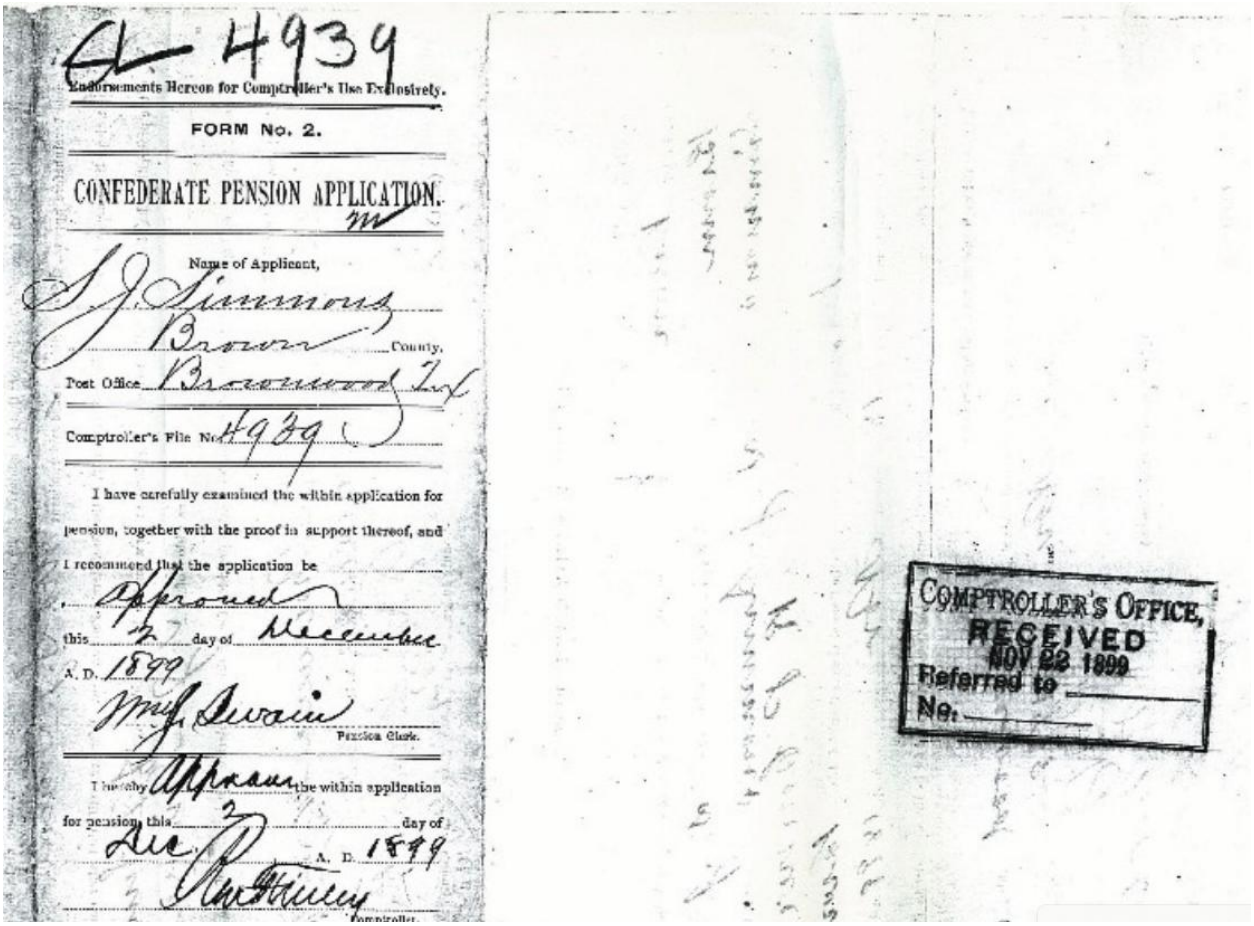
At a neighboring farm lived another brother-in-law of Tom Simmons, his wife's brother, John Barnett 'Barney' Hardin. At some point, Tom and Barney got crosswise. Words were said and Barney threated to kill Tom…..probably it was just the booze talking. But Tom Simmons did not take threats from a Hardin lightly. He knew the shadow that followed the Hardin boys. His father had pursued John Wesley Hardin and he heard stories from his own wife, a Hardin girl.

Tom Simmons did two things, the first is purchased the first model of a switch blade knife for defense. A few weeks later, the disagreement had not waned. Tom, Willie Joe and Squire were out in the barn on a Saturday night, enjoying some moonshine, obviously a lot of moonshine. As they got going, the threats by Barney Hardin came up and Tom was talking about grabbing his shot guns and both him and Willie Joe going to confront Barney.

Mamie and Zula, concerned not just for their brother Barney, but also for their husbands and children, decided to take action. In the night-time, Mamie and Zula gathered up the shotguns, tied them up in quilts, grabbed the kids and snuck to the backside of the farm. They, the kids and the guns spent the night hiding out. By morning, all three men were passed out on the porch. Sometime later the next day, Mamie and Zula retrieved the shotguns, after having serious "wife" discussions with their husbands. Barney lived, Tom lived, Willie Joe Lived, Squire lived and eventually whatever the disagreement, it was rectified.

Story told by both Oleta Simmons White and John Daniel Simmons…..who were there with their mom, two shotguns and a quilt.

Addendum 1– CSA Widow Pension



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FORM No. 2.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant, J. J. Simmons

Brown County,

Post Office Brownwood Tex

Comptroller's File No. 4939

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be Approved

this 2 day of December

A. D. 1899

W. J. Swain

Pension Clerk.

I hereby Approve the within application for pension this 2 day of Dec

A. D. 1899

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
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FORM No. 2.

APPLICATION of Indigent widow of Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Brown

To the Honorable County Judge of Brown *County, Texas.*

Your petitioner, Mrs. S. J. Simmons respectfully represents that she is a resident citizen of Brown County, in the State of Texas; that she is the widow of T. J. Simmons, deceased, who was a Confederate soldier (~~or sailor~~), and that she makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension as the widow of said T. J. Simmons deceased, under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

Q. What is your name? Answer Mrs S. J. Simmons

Q. What is your age? Answer 51 years old.

Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Brown County

Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer 25 years. Brownwood Texas

Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so state when and where. Answer No

Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer I do any work I can of household duties

Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Not good

Q. What was the name of your deceased husband? Answer T. J. Simmons

Q. Were you married to him anterior to March 1, 1866? If so, on what date were you married to him and where? Answer I was married to him Oct 8th 1865 Mar Waldrip in McCulloch County Texas

Q. What was the date of his death? Answer August 26th 1891

Q. Are you unmarried, and have you so remained unmarried since the death of your said husband for whose services you claim a pension? Answer Yes

Q. State in what company and regiment your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension enlisted in the Confederate Army, and the time of his service therein? Answer Company F. Col Alexanders Regiment Texas Cavalry

Q. ~~If your deceased husband served in the [illegible] service?~~ Answer He served more than 3 years. He went into service in 1862

Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have so received. Answer No

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Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer None

Q. What property, and what was the value thereof have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application? Answer None

Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer None

Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer Yes

Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer Yes

Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer No

Q. Did your deceased husband for whose services you claim a pension, ever desert the Confederacy? Answer No

Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer Yes

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for pension be approved and that such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) S J Simmons

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of September A. D. 1899

R P Conner

(SEAL)

County Judge Brown County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Brown } Before me, R P Conner

County Judge of Brown County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared V F Hammond H T Savage

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know that Mrs. S J Simmons applicant for a pension as the widow of T J Simmons deceased, is the identical person the widow of the said T J Simmons deceased; that they personally know that the said T J Simmons deceased, enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier (or sailor) as claimed by his said widow in the above and foregoing application, and that they further know that the said Mrs. S J Simmons, widow of the said T J Simmons deceased, is unable to support herself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) V F Hammond

(Signature of Witness) H T Savage

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of September A. D. 1899

R P Conner

(SEAL)

County Judge Brown County, Texas.

(XI)

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Brown } I, R. P. Cannon

County Judge of Brown County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 18th day of Nov A. D. 1899 before me came on to be heard the application of Mrs. S. J. Simmons widow of S. J. Simmons deceased, for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this State, approved May 12, A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same appear in writing in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the same hereinbefore appear. I also certify that the said applicant Mrs. S. J. Simmons is not disqualified under any of the provisions of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all of the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said Mrs. S. J. Simmons as widow of S. J. Simmons deceased, I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Brownwood this 18th day of November A. D. 1899

R. P. Cannon

(SEAL) County Judge Brown County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Brown }

We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of Brown County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of Mrs. S. J. Simmons widow of J. J. Simmons deceased, for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted by Hon. R. P. Cannon County Judge of this Brown County, to the Commissioners Court of this Brown County, at a regular term thereof on the 18 day of Nov A. D. 1899 and after a careful consideration of the same we find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and we hereby approve said application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at Brownwood this 18 day of Nov A. D. 1899

W. N. Johnson
T. P. Mallory
C. C. Myrick
A. J. Conklin

(SEAL) (Signatures of Commissioners.) TX

Addendum 2– Dustbowl Diary of Mamie Hardin Simmons

This is a dairy-journal kept by Mamie Mae Hardin Simmons during 1928 and 1929, during the beginnings of the Dust Bowl. Snooks or Sister mentioned in this journal is actually my grandmother, Mary Oleta Simmons White. On February 22, 1929, Oleta and her older brother Dan, were playing with matches and her dress caught on fire. She was burned on about 25% of her body. It took over a year for her to heal. She carried the scars on her back and legs for the rest of her life. While Mamie was dealing with a daughter with life threatening burns, measles broke out with the other children. The baby, Verna Mae "Bertie" Mae Simmons died of the measles and pneumonia on 13 March 1929.

Squire mentioned herein, was a paid farm hand, who lived on the farm is a separate house and had his own ploy for growing food. He was an African-American man, who was a good friend of Tom and Willie Joe Lentz, Mamie's sister Zula's husband.

While this diary is not by or about anyone famous, it does give a day-to-day idea of what life was like in West Texas in the early part of the 20th century. While cars, tractors, telephones, electricity and indoor plumbing were in existence, most rural areas did not have either, until after the Second World War. In 1920's rural, Childress County, none of these things existed. People for the most part, lived just like their grandparents had, using animal powered farm equipment, oil lamps, a Ben Franklin stove, etc. Contrary to a great deal of Hollywood portrayals, women in rural American were not housewives with time on their hand. These women helped plow, harvest, process and preserve food; make and maintain clothing for the family, etc.

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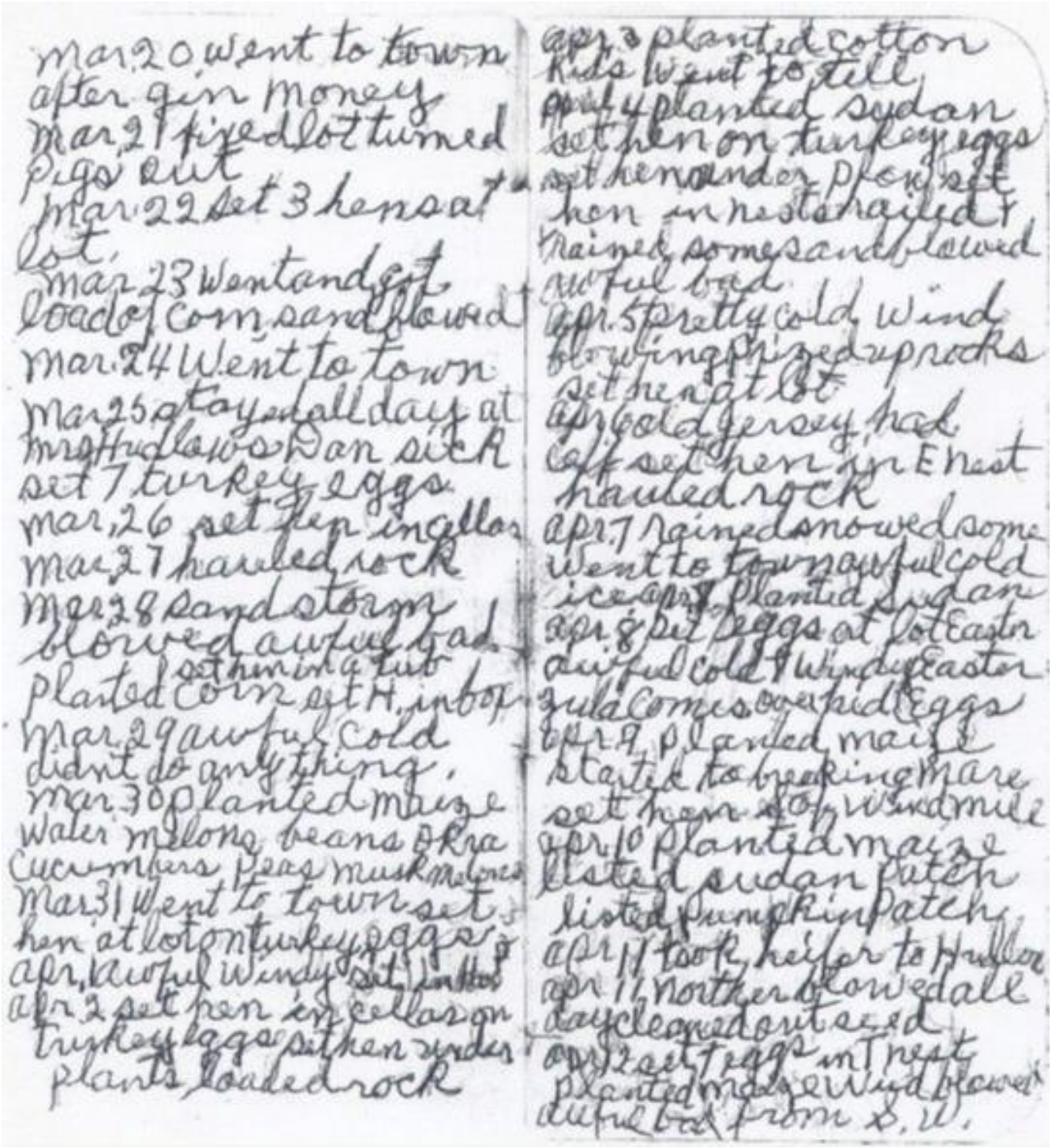
1928
Feb. 27 planted garden
Feb. 28 I guire begin
Work Feb. 26 calf born
Mar. 3 took off last load
of balls
Mar 4. Went to see Mrs
Hall, had Pneumonia
Mar. 11 set 2 hens in
cellar Went to Mrs. Hall
Mar. 13 set hen at lot
planted beans Pepper
Corn potatoes lettuce
beets onions melons
Mar. 14 Hurrican
blowed all day
big rain that
night ice.
Mar. 16 traded cow for
hog horse & saddle
Mar 17 Went to town
after coal
Mar. 18 got first
turkey egg
Mar. 19 set hen in
cellar set 1 T. egg
scraped dirt around
water tank snowed some



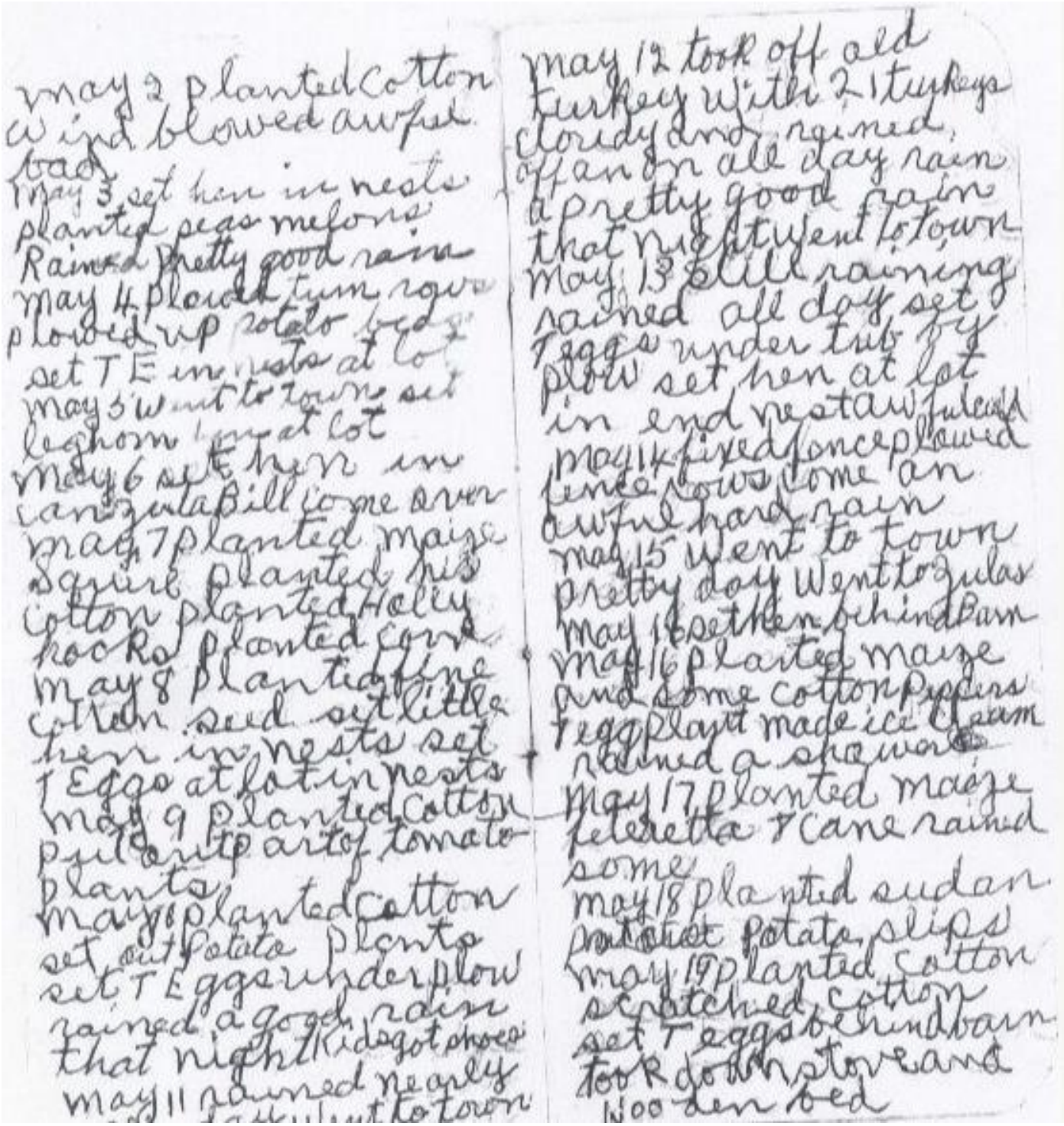
mar 20 went to town
after gin money
mar 21 fixed lot turned
pigs out
mar 22 set 3 hens at
lot.
mar 23 went and got
load of corn sand blowed
mar 24 went to town
mar 25 stayed all day at
mrs Hudlows Dan sick
set 7 turkey eggs
mar 26 set hen in cellar
mar 27 hauled rock
mar 28 sand storm
blowed awful bad
set hen in a tub
planted corn set H. in box
mar 29 awful cold
didnt do any thing.
mar 30 planted maize
water melons beans okra
cucumbers peas musk melons
mar 31 went to town set
hen at lot on turkey eggs
apr 1 awful windy set in hot
apr 2 set hen in cellar on
turkey eggs set hen under
plants loaded rock

apr 3 planted cotton
kids went to till
apr 4 planted sudan
set hen on turkey eggs
set hen under plow set
hen in nests railed &
rained some sand blowed
awful bad
apr 5 pretty cold wind
blowing prized up rocks
set hen at lot
apr 6 old jersey had
calf set hen in E nest
hauled rock
apr 7 rained snowed some
went to town awful cold
ice apr 8 planted sudan
apr 8 set eggs at lot Easter
awful cold & windy Easter
zula comes over hid eggs
apr 9 planted maize
started to breaking mare
set hen of windmill
apr 10 planted maize
listed sudan patch
listed pumpkin patch
apr 11 took heifer to Hudlow
apr 11 norther blowed all
day cleaned out seed
apr 12 set 7 eggs in T nest
planted maize wind blowed
awful bad from S. W.

apr 13 set Teggs in n nests
awful windy sand blowed
plowed hoed garden
apr 14 ice awful cold all
day went to town went
to Bills
apr 15 Set old Turkey in
bare grass mr Connor
stayed all day cold
ice that morning
apr. 16 Wind and sand
blowed from S.W all day
set hen in n nests
go deviled beds Put 2
Turkey eggs under Turkey
Dis 7 Shorty stayed all
night
apr 17 hoed garden set
hen under saddle
Knifed beds pretty most
of day Wind blow from S W
some
apr 18 Knifed beds set
hen in n nest Wind
blowed from north
all day Thelma stays all night
apr 19 sand storm blow
from north shelled maize
apr 19 set hen in Tree
at lot awful cold
apr 20 set 2 hens in
Harness house.

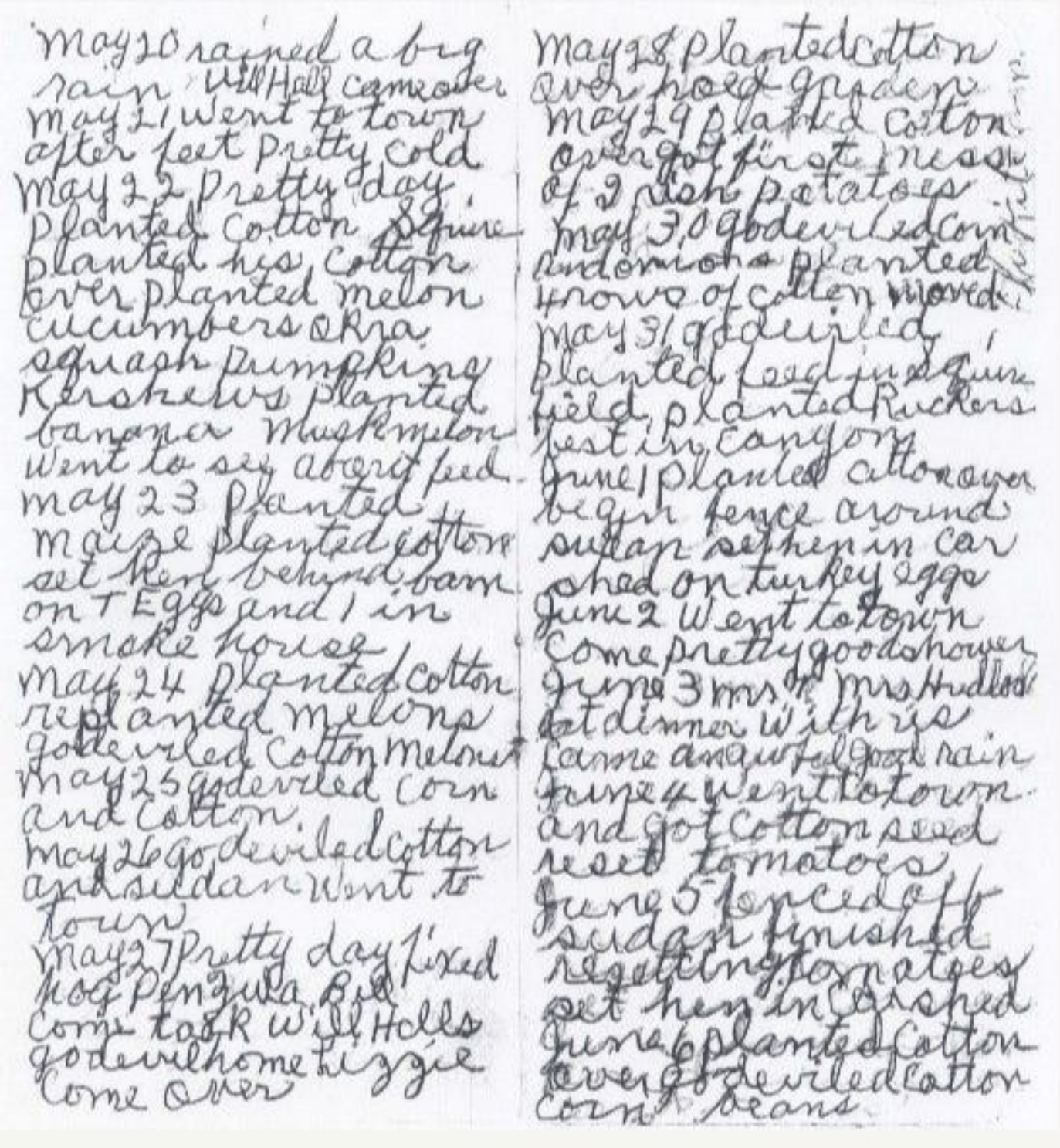
apr 21 Wind blowed
from north awful cold
rained a shower went
to town Bill bought car
apr 22 awful cold first
turkeys hatched 3 little
Kittys like to froze
to death

apr 23 planted beans
melons cotton onions
Cucumbers Castor beans
pretty day set Teggs in cellar
apr 24 sand blowed all
day planted cotton
squash melons set hen
apr 25 planted cotton
Wind blowed from West
apr 26 rained pretty
good rain awful cold
apr 27 set hen behind
Barn planted cotton
apr 28 went to town
awful windy
apr 29 still windy
apr 30 Knifed beds
set hen behind barn
went to Rubys
may 1 planted cotton
pretty day
apr 29 set 7 E at lot



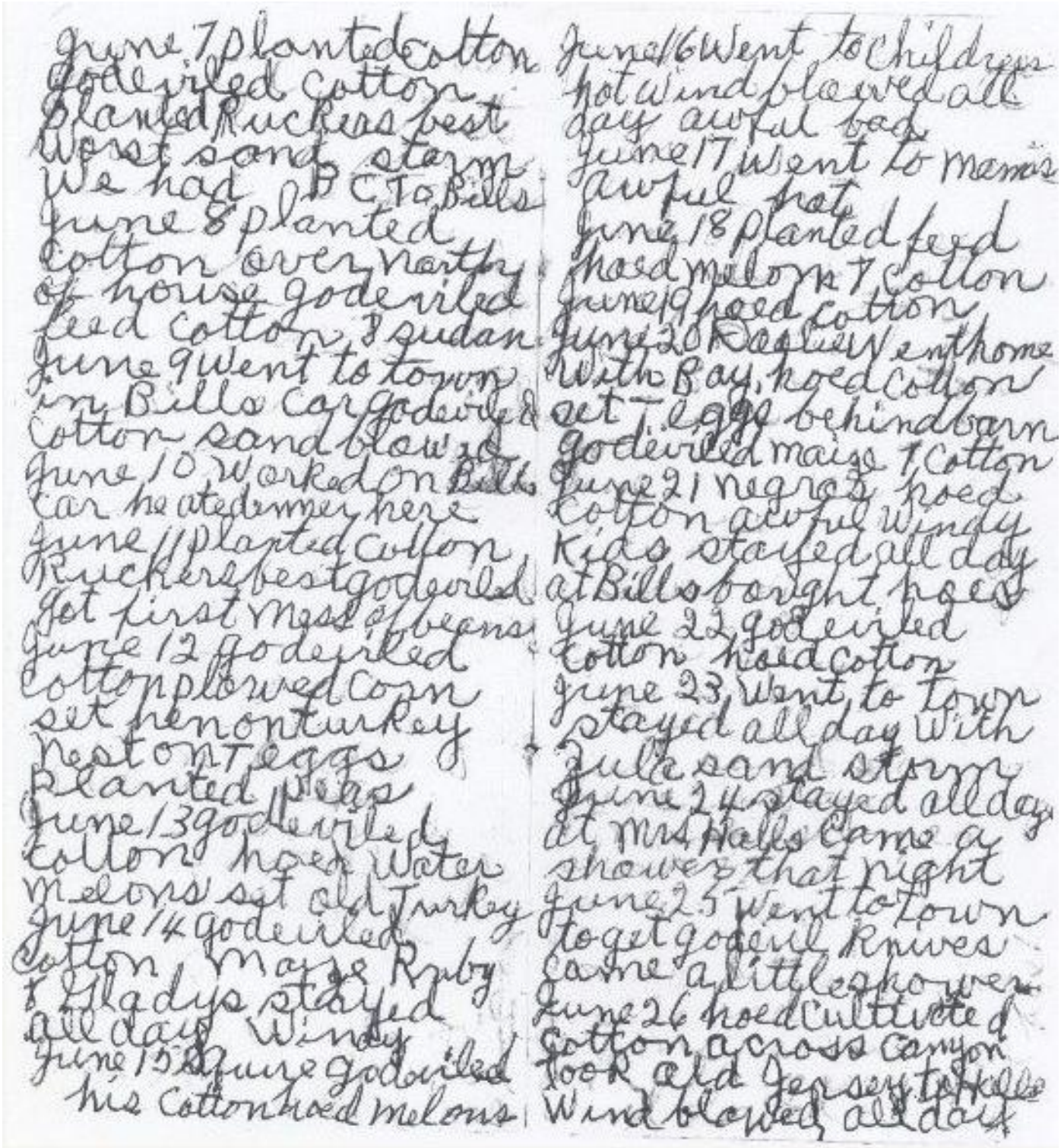
may 2 planted cotton
wind blowed awful
bad
may 3 set hen in nests
planted peas melons
Rained pretty good rain
may 4 plowed turn rows
plowed up potato beds
set T E in nests at lot
may 5 went to town set
leghorn hen at lot
may 6 set hen in
canzula Bill come over
may 7 planted maize
Squire planted his
cotton planted Holly
hocks planted corn
may 8 planted fine
cotton seed set little
hen in nests set
T Eggs at lot in nests
may 9 planted cotton
pull out part of tomato
plants
may 10 planted cotton
set out potato plants
set T Eggs under plow
rained a good rain
that night kids got shoes
may 11 rained nearly
[illegible] went to town

may 12 took off old
turkey with 21 turkeys
cloudy and rained
off an on all day rain
a pretty good rain
that night went to town
may 13 still raining
rained all day set
T eggs under tub by
plow set hen at lot
in end nest awful cold
may 14 fixed fence plowed
fence rows come an
awful hard rain
may 15 went to town
pretty day went to zulas
may 16 set hen behind barn
may 16 planted maize
and some cotton peppers
T egg plant made ice cream
rained a shower
may 17 planted maize
feteretta T cane rained
some
may 18 planted sudan
[illegible] potato slips
may 19 planted cotton
scratched cotton
set T eggs behind barn
took down stove and
wooden bed



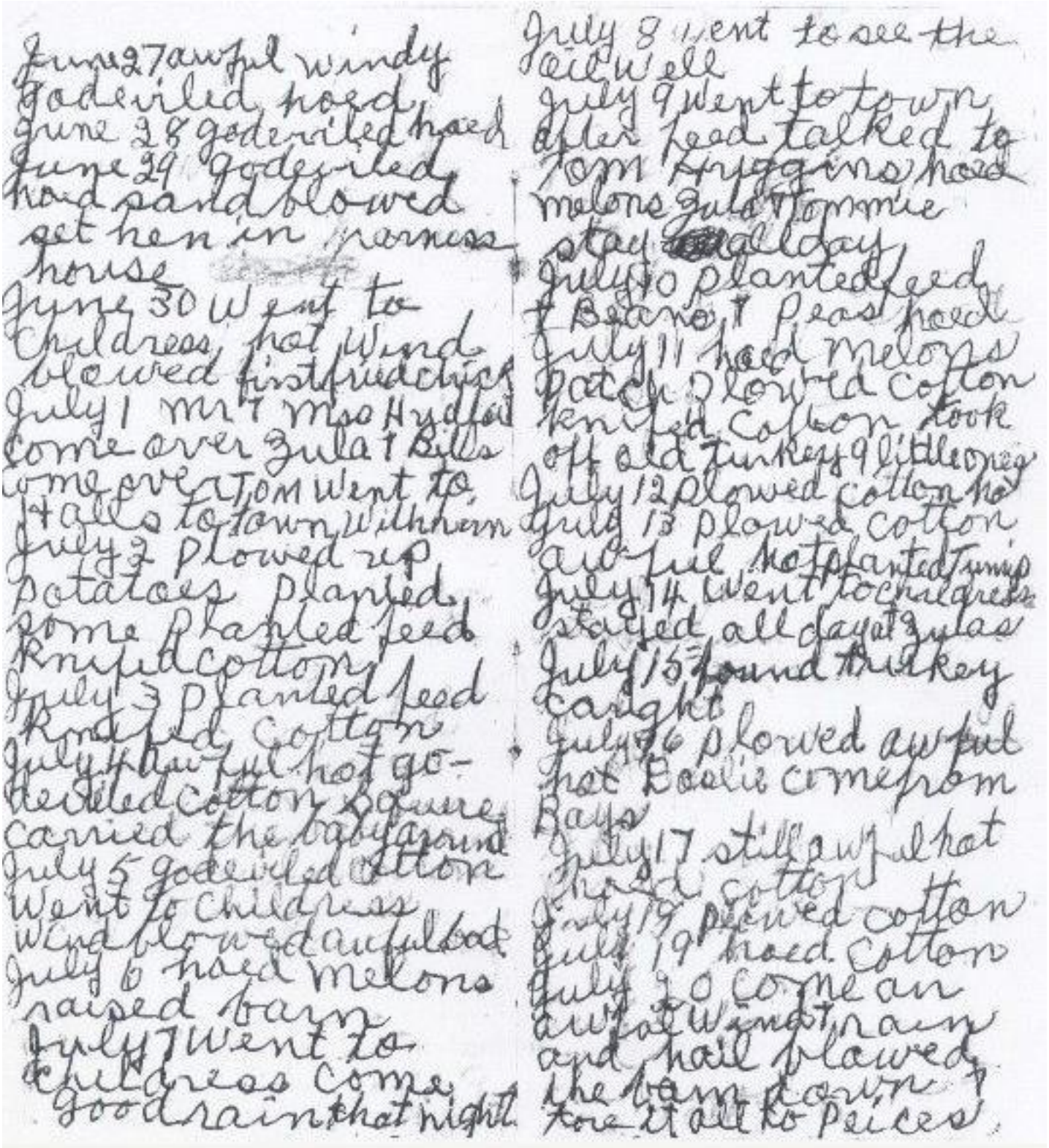
May 20 rained a big
rain Will Hall came over
May 21 Went to town
after feet Pretty cold
May 22 Pretty day
planted cotton Squire
planted his cotton
over planted melon
cucumbers okra
squash pumpkins
Kershews planted
banana Muskmelon
Went to see about feed
May 23 planted
maize planted cotton
set hen behind barn
on T Eggs and 1 in
smoke house
May 24 planted cotton
replanted melons
godeviled cotton melons
May 25 godeviled corn
and cotton
May 26 godeviled cotton
and sudan Went to
town
May 27 Pretty day fixed
hog Pen Zula Bill
Come took Will Halls
godevil home Lizzie
Come over

May 28 planted cotton
over hoed garden
May 29 planted cotton
over got first mess
of 2 rish potatoes
May 30 godeviled corn
and onions planted
4 rows of cotton moved
May 31 godeviled
planted feed in Squire
field planted Ruckers
best in canyon
June 1 planted cotton over
begin fence around
sudan set hen in car
shed on turkey eggs
June 2 Went to town
Come pretty good shower
June 3 mrs & mrs Hudlock
at dinner with us
came an awful good rain
June 4 Went to town
and got cotton seed
reset tomatoes
June 5 fenced off
sudan finished
resetting tomatoes
set hen in carshed
June 6 planted cotton
over godeviled cotton
corn beans



June 7 planted cotton
godeviled cotton
planted Ruckers best
worst sand storm
We had B C To Bills
June 8 planted
cotton over north
of house godeviled
feed cotton 8 sudan
June 9 went to town
in Bills car godeviled
cotton sand blowed
June 10 worked on Bills
car heated dinner here
June 11 planted cotton
Ruckers best godeviled
got first mess of beans
June 12 godeviled
cotton plowed corn
set hen on turkey
nest on Teggs
planted peas
June 13 godeviled
cotton hoed water
melons set old Turkey
June 14 godeviled
cotton maize Ruby
& Gladys stayed
all day Windy
June 15 Squire godeviled
his cotton hoed melons

June 16 went to Childress
hot wind blowed all
day awful bad
June 17 went to mamis
awful hot
June 18 planted feed
hoed melons 7 cotton
June 19 hoed cotton
June 20 Daglie went home
with Bay, hoed cotton
set Teggs behind barn
godeviled maize 7 cotton
June 21 negros hoed
cotton awful windy
Kids stayed all day
at Bills bought hoes
June 22 godeviled
cotton hoed cotton
June 23 went to town
stayed all day with
Zula sand storm
June 24 stayed all day
at Mrs Halls came a
shower that night
June 25 went to town
to get godevil knives
came a little shower
June 26 hoed cultivated
cotton across canyon
took old Jersey to Kelle
Wind blowed all day

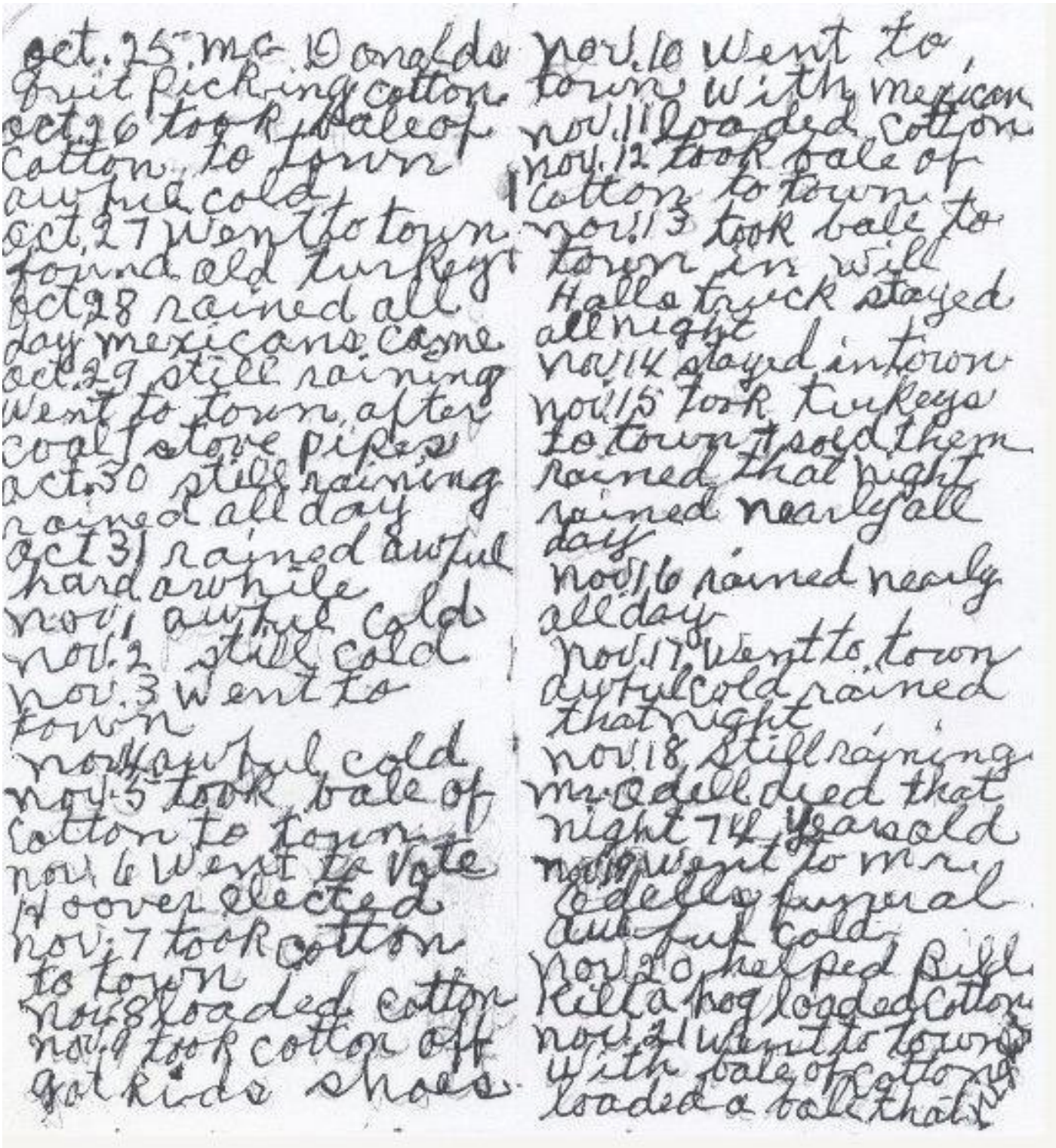


June 27 awful windy
Godeviled hoed
June 28 godeviled hoed
June 29 godeviled
hoed sand blowed
set hen in parness
house
June 30 Went to
Childress hot Wind
blowed first fried chick
July 1 Mr & Mrs Hydlar
come over Zula & Bills
come over TOM Went to
Halls to town Wilhhern
July 2 Plowed up
potatoes planted
some planted feed
Knifed cotton
July 3 Planted feed
Knifed cotton
July 4 awful hot go-
deviled cotton Squire
carried the baby around
July 5 godeviled cotton
Went to Childress
Wind blowed awful bad
July 6 hoed melons
raised barn
July 7 Went to
Childress come
good rain that night

July 8 went to see the
oil well
July 9 Went to town
after feed talked to
Tom Huggins hoed
melons Zula & Tommie
stay all day
July 10 planted feed
& Beans & Peas hoed
July 11 hoed melons
patch plowed cotton
knifed cotton took
off old turkey 9 little ones
July 12 plowed cotton hot
July 13 plowed cotton
awful hot planted Turnip
July 14 Went to Childress
stayed all day at Zulas
July 15 found turkey
caught
July 16 plowed awful
hot Boslie come from
Rays
July 17 still awful hot
hoed cotton
July 18 plowed cotton
July 19 hoed cotton
July 20 come an
awful wind & rain
and hail blowed
the barn down &
tore it all to Peices

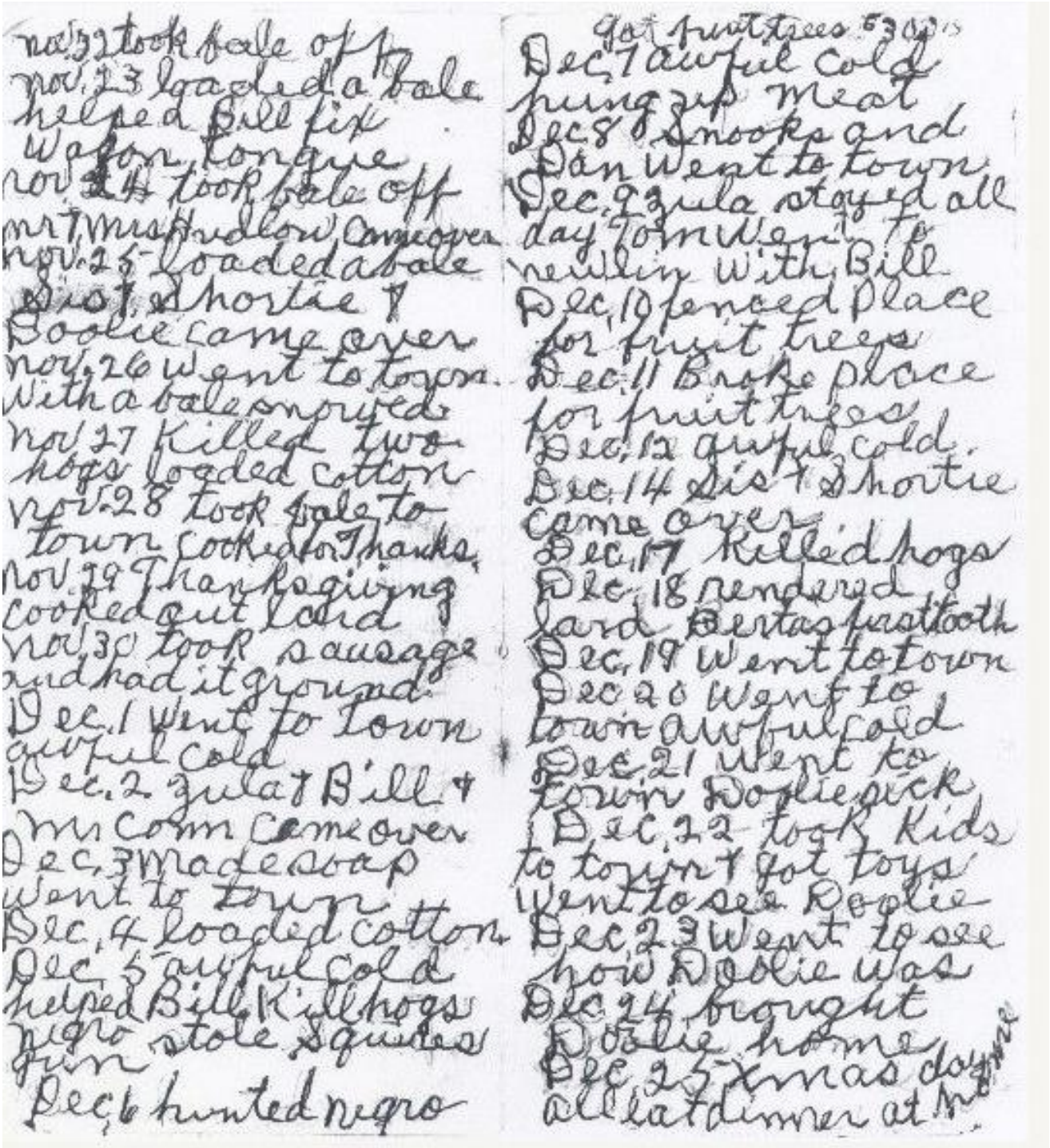
July 21 Went to childress
July 22 Went to Mr
Hadlows Went to town
July 23 fixed barn
Went to town Came
a Pretty good rain
rained most all day
July 24 helped Ted
fix barn shed
farming Went to
town
July 25 helped Hadlow
fix shack
July 26 Went to town
July 27 Planted
feed Beans Peas
turnips rape
July 29 Planted
feed Voted Went
to town
July 29 Went to
town rained a little
July 30 Went to town
after feed stayed
all day with Tuta
July 31 Planted feed
on ends Plowed
cotton Windy
Aug 1 Plowed cotton
Wind blowed
awful bad

Oct 4 Picked cotton
Oct 5 Picked Cotton
Oct 6 Went to town
Played all night
at Tulas
Oct 7 Mr Hall & Mr
White Came over
& Played 42
Oct 8 Went to town
for hands loaded
Cotton had taken
Oct 9 took Bale of
Cotton to town
Oct 10 moved Kitchen
Went to town
Oct 13 While folks
moved in little room
Oct 15 Picked cotton
Oct 16 took bale to town
Oct 17 Picked Cotton
Oct 20 took Bale to
town got stove
Oct 21 awful cold Wind
& sand blowed
Oct 22 put up heater
headed Maize
Oct 23 Tom got drunk
went to Tell
Oct 24 finished
heading maize



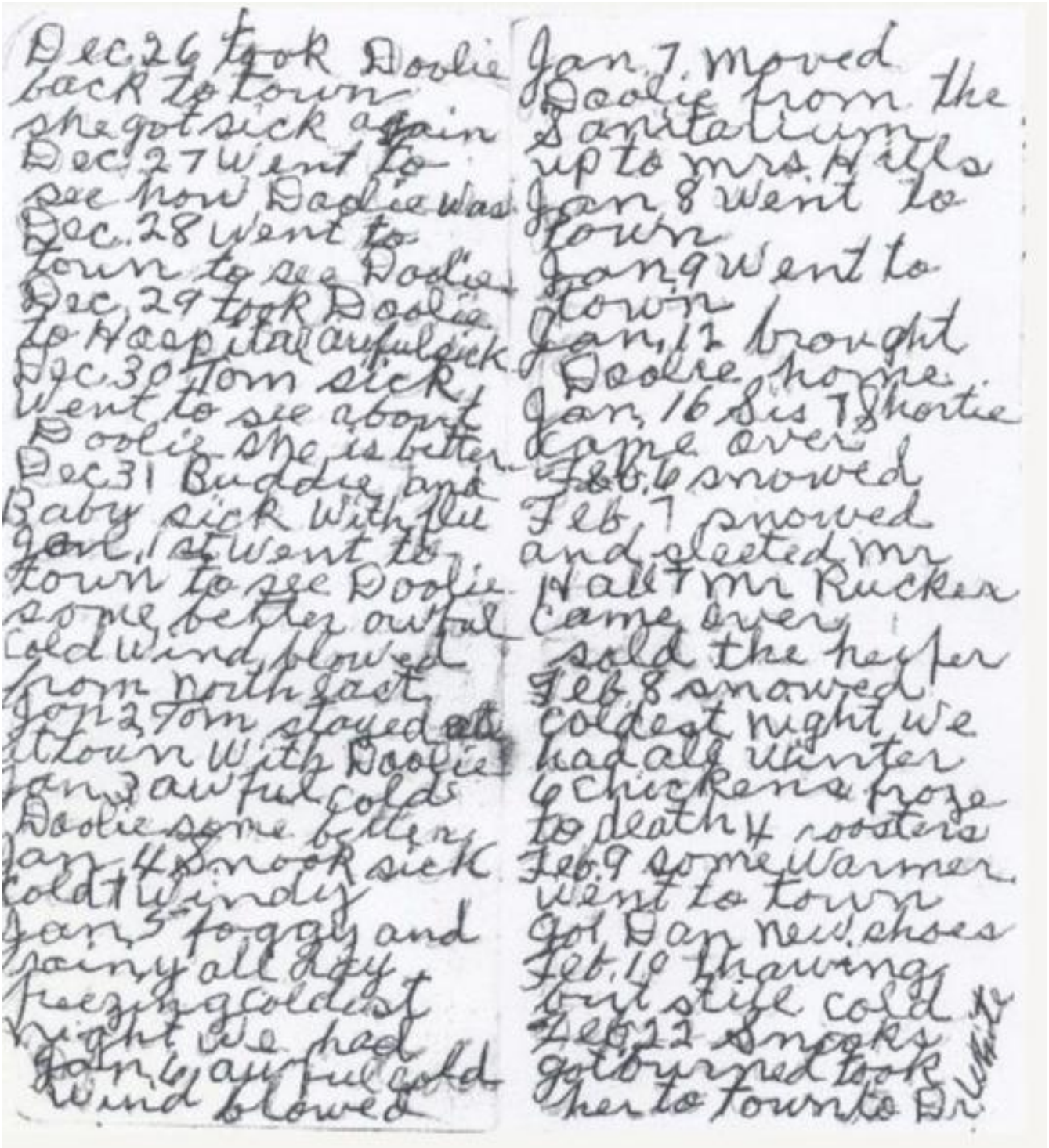
oct. 25 mc Donalds
fruit picking cotton
oct 26 took bale of
cotton to town
awful cold
oct. 27 Went to town
found old turkey
oct 28 rained all
day mexicans came
oct. 29 still raining
went to town after
coal stove pipes
oct. 30 still raining
rained all day
oct 31 rained awful
hard awhile
nov 1 awful cold
nov. 2 still cold
nov. 3 went to
town
nov awful cold
nov 5 took bale of
cotton to town
nov 6 went to vote
Hoover elected
nov 7 took cotton
to town
nov 8 loaded cotton
nov 9 took cotton off
got kids shoes

nov. 10 Went to
town with mexican
nov. 11 loaded cotton
nov. 12 took bale of
cotton to town
nov. 13 took bale to
town in will
Halls truck stayed
all night
nov 14 stayed in town
nov 15 took turkeys
to town sold them
rained that night
rained nearly all
day
nov 16 rained nearly
all day
nov 17 Went to town
awful cold rained
that night
nov 18 still raining
mr adell died that
night 74 years old
nov went to mrs
adells funeral
awful cold
nov 20 helped Bill
Rilla hog loaded cotton
nov 21 went to town
with bale of cotton
loaded a bale that

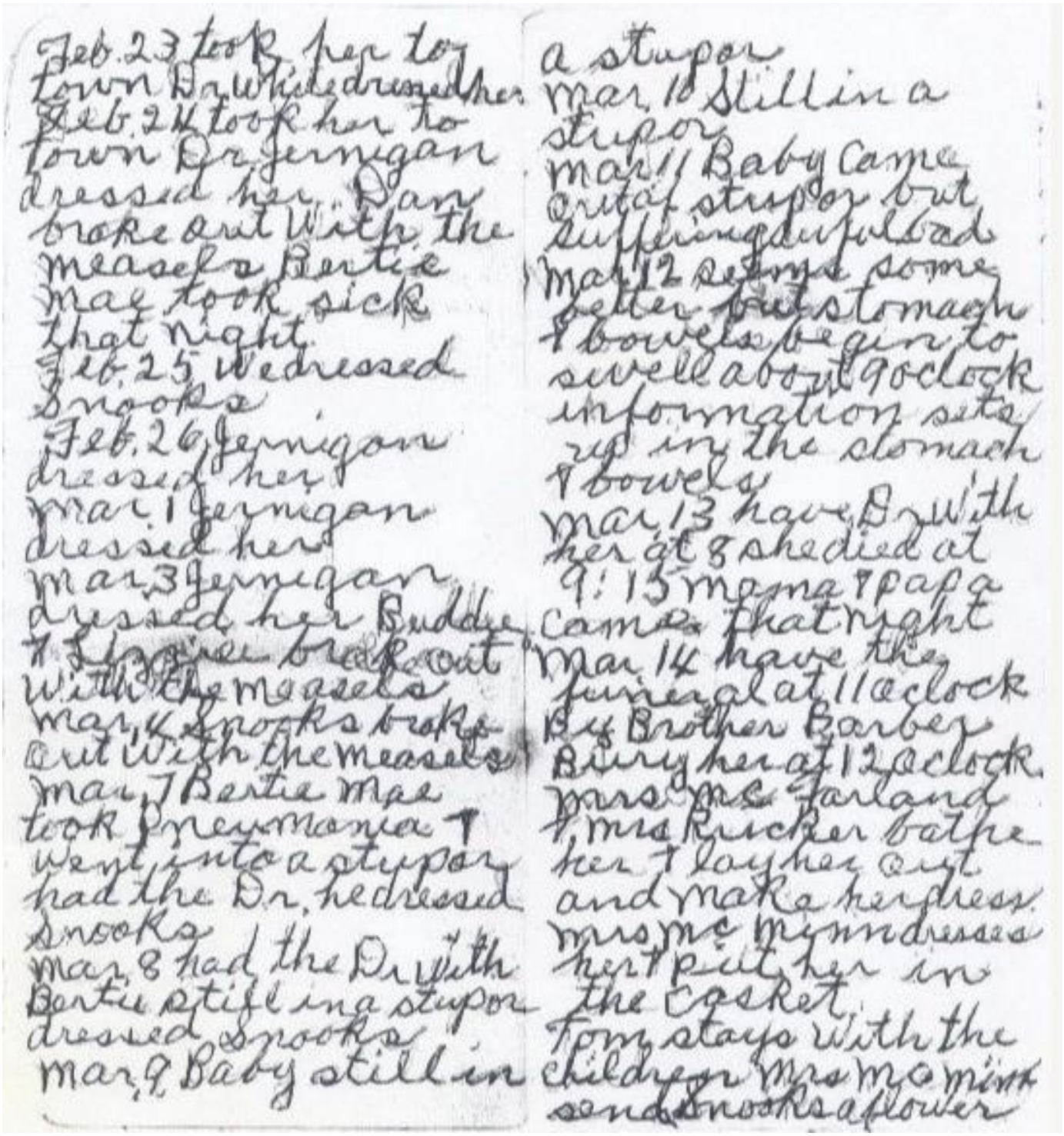


nov 22 took bale off
nov. 23 loaded a bale
helped Bill fix
Wagon tongue
nov 24 took bale off
mr & Mrs Hudlow came over
nov. 25 loaded a bale
Sis & Shortie &
Doolie came over
nov. 26 went to town
With a bale snowed
nov 27 Killed two
hogs loaded cotton
nov. 28 took bale to
town cooked for Thanks.
nov 29 Thanksgiving
cooked out lard
nov 30 took sausage
and had it ground
Dec. 1 went to town
awful cold
Dec. 2 Zula & Bill &
Mr Conn came over
Dec. 3 made soap
went to town
Dec. 4 loaded cotton
Dec 5 awful cold
helped Bill Kill hogs
negro stole Squires
gun
Dec 6 hunted negro

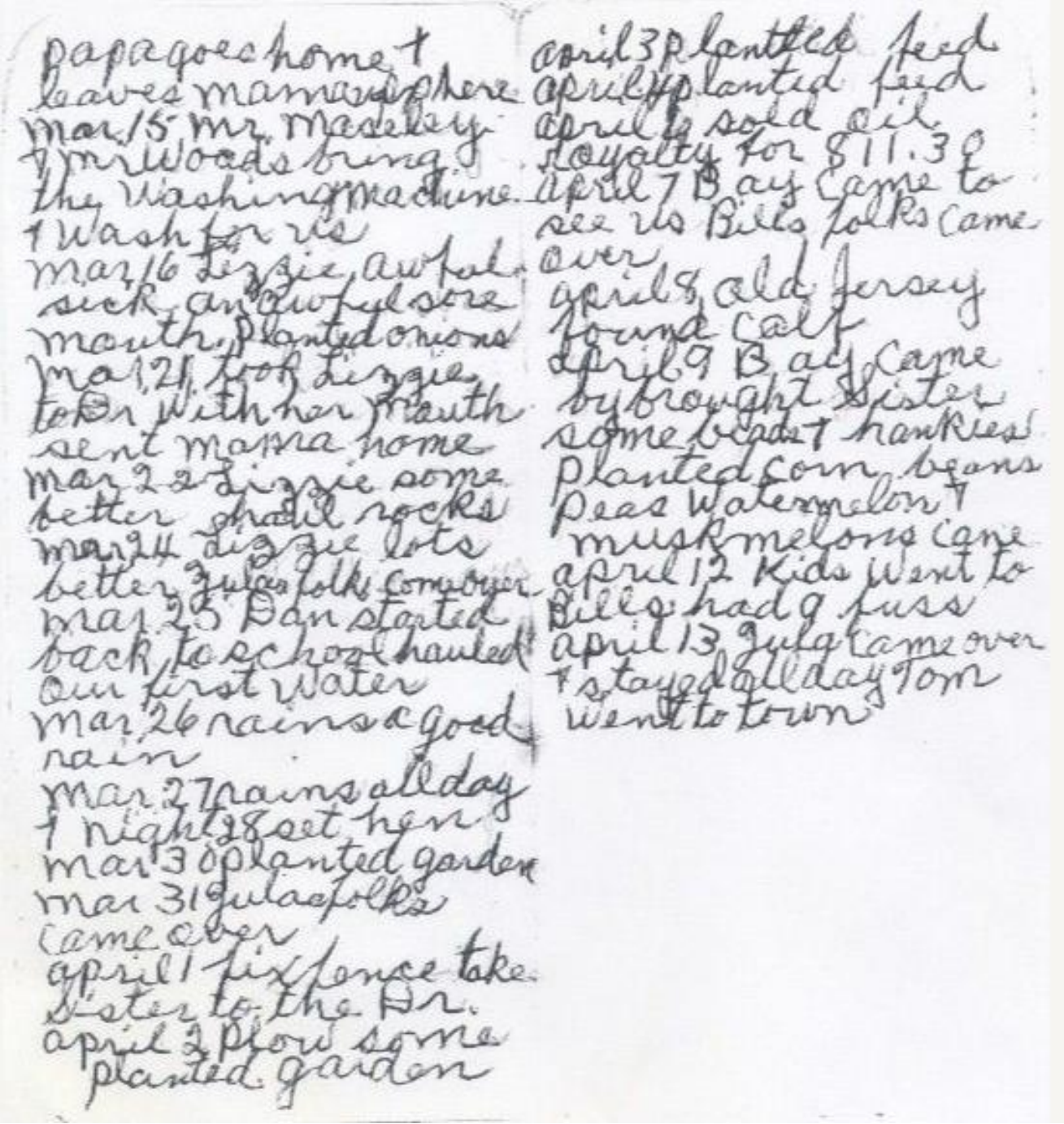
got fruit trees 5 30
Dec 7 awful cold
hung up meat
Dec 8 Snooks and
Dan went to town
Dec. 9 Zula stayed all
day Tom went to
newlin with Bill
Dec. 10 fenced place
for fruit trees
Dec. 11 Broke place
for fruit trees
Dec. 12 awful cold.
Dec. 14 Sis & Shortie
came over
Dec. 17 Killed hogs
Dec. 18 rendered
lard Bertas first tooth
Dec. 19 went to town
Dec 20 went to
town awful cold
Dec 21 went to
town Doolie sick
Dec. 22 took kids
to town & got toys
went to see Doolie
Dec 23 went to see
how Doolie was
Dec 24 brought
Doolie home
Dec 25 Xmas day
all lat dinner at home



Dec 26 took Dodie back to town she got sick again
Dec 27 Went to see how Dodie was
Dec. 28 Went to town to see Dodie
Dec. 29 took Dodie to Hospital awful sick
Dec. 30 Tom sick I went to see about Dodie she is better
Dec 31 Buddie and Baby sick With flu
Jan. 1st Went to town to see Dodie some better awful Cold Wind blowed from North East
Jan 2 Tom stayed at town With Dodie
Jan 3 awful Colds Dodie some better
Jan 4 Snook sick Cold & Windy
Jan 5 foggy and rainy all day freezing coldest night We had
Jan 6 awful Cold Wind blowed
Jan 7 moved Dodie from the Sanitarium up to mrs Hills
Jan 8 Went to town
Jan 9 Went to town
Jan 12 brought Dodie home
Jan 16 Sis & Shortie came over
Feb 6 snowed
Feb 7 snowed and sleeted Mr Walt Mr Rucker came over sold the heifer
Feb 8 snowed coldest night We had all Winter 6 chickens froze to death 4 roosters
Feb 9 some Warmer went to town Got Dan new shoes
Feb 10 thawing but still cold
Feb 22 Snooks got burned took her to town to Dr

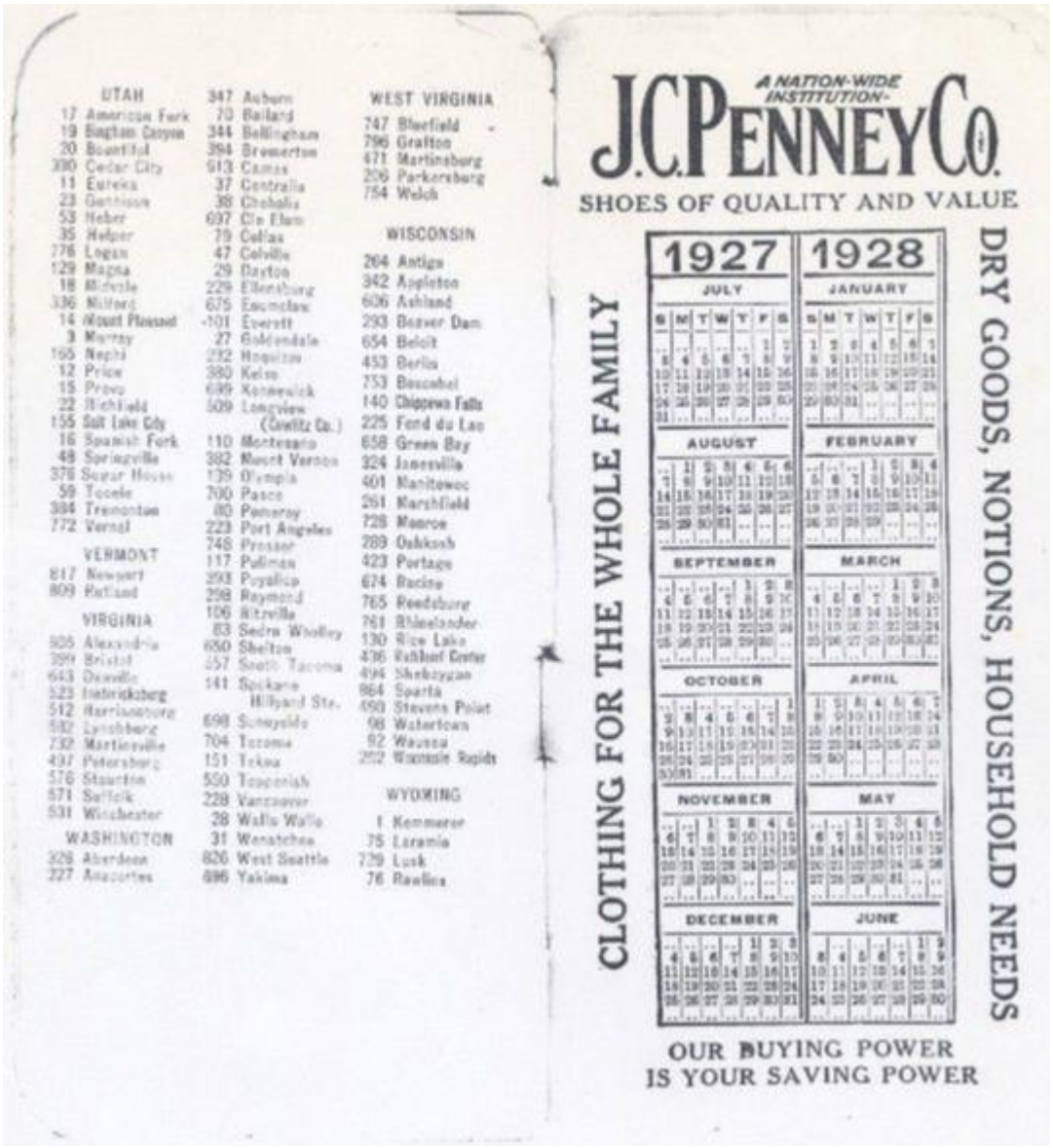


Feb. 23 took Bertie to town Dr. White dressed her
Feb. 24 took her to town Dr. Jernigan dressed her. Dan broke out With the measels Bertie May took sick that night.
Feb. 25 We dressed Snooks
Feb. 26 Jernigan dressed her
Mar. 1 Jernigan dressed her
Mar. 3 Jernigan dressed her Buddie & Eugene broke out With the measels
Mar. 4 Snooks broke out With the measels
Mar. 7 Bertie Mae took Pneumonia & went into a stupor had the Dr. he dressed Snooks
Mar. 8 had the Dr. With Bertie still in a stupor dressed Snooks
Mar. 9 Baby still in a stupor
Mar. 10 Still in a stupor
Mar. 11 Baby came out of stupor but suffering awful bad
Mar. 12 seems some better but stomach & bowels begin to swell about 9 o'clock information sets up in the stomach & bowels
Mar. 13 have Dr. With her at 8 she died at 9:15 Mama & Papa came that night
Mar. 14 have the funeral at 11 o'clock By Brother Barber Bury her at 12 o'clock Mrs. Mc Farland & Mrs Rucker bathe her & lay her out and make her dress Mrs Mc Mynn dresses her & put her in the Casket Tom stays With the children Mrs Mc Minn send Snooks a flower



papa goes home +
leaves mama here
mar 15 Mr Maseley
+ Mr Woods bring
the washing machine.
+ Wash for us
mar 16 Lizzie awful
sick an awful sore
mouth. Planted onions
mar 17 took Lizzie
to Dr with her mouth
sent mama home
mar 22 Lizzie some
better shovel rocks
mar 24 Lizzie lots
better Julas folks come over
mar 25 Dan started
back to school hauled
our first water
mar 26 rains a good
rain
mar 27 rains all day
+ night 28 set hen
mar 30 planted garden
mar 31 Julas folks
came over
april 1 fix fence take
Sister to the Dr.
april 2 plow some
planted garden

april 3 planted feed
april 4 planted feed
april 5 sold oil
royalty for $11.30
april 7 Bays came to
see us Bills folks came
over
april 8 old Jersey
found calf
april 9 Bays came
by brought Sister
some bread + hankies
Planted corn beans
Peas Watermelon +
muskmelons came
april 12 Kids went to
Bills had a fuss
april 13 Julas came over
+ stayed all day Tom
went to town



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